

MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Third Session

Detroit **A**nnual **C**onference

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church,

HELD IN

Ann Arbor, Mich., Sept. 11th to 16th, 1878.

BISHOP S. M. MERRILL, | ARTHUR EDWARDS,
President, | *Secretary.*

CONTAINS ALL PROCEEDINGS.

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RULES OF ORDER.

As Adopted in 1869, Modified in 1875, and Adopted Each Session Since.

1. The Conference shall meet at 8½ o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 12 M., but may alter the time of meeting and adjourning at its discretion.
2. The President shall take the chair precisely at the time to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, and shall have the journals of the preceding day read and approved.
3. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but, in case of an appeal, the question shall be taken without debate.
4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference, but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time.
5. All motions and resolutions introduced by any member shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary, or any member of the Conference requests it.
6. When a motion, resolution or report presented, is read by the Secretary or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference, but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover, at any time before action or amendment.
7. No new motion or resolution shall be made before the one under consideration has been disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following should intervene, which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed, viz: Indefinite postponement, lying on the table, reference to a committee, postponement to any given time, or amendment.
8. No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the President, to call him to order when he departs from the question, uses personalities, or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems the speaker out of order, or any other member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.
9. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President.
10. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, or more than fifteen minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference; nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.
11. When any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side, to move a reconsideration.
12. No member shall absent himself from the services of Conference without leave unless he is sick or unable to attend.
13. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar of the Conference at the time such question is put by the President, except by leave of Conference, when such member has been necessarily absent.
14. Every member who shall be within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.
15. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.
16. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings of the Conference, and, when approved, shall record them in a book provided for that purpose. He shall take charge of the journal and other papers of the Conference, and preserve them with care; suffer no person to take a copy of any paper during the interval of Conference, except with the consent of the Conference; and shall forward the journal and papers to the next Annual Conference.
17. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time, and shall be decided without debate.
18. No preacher shall bring any charge against any member of this Conference until he has first given him information of the same, either by letter or otherwise, ten days in advance, if practicable, so that the accused may have an opportunity for defense.
19. When any brother intends to object to the passage of another's character, it shall be his duty to hand the name of the person against whom objections are to be made to the President of the Conference.

[The Conference, Sept. 3, 1873, ordered the previous question on a pending motion, thus establishing a precedent.—*Secretary.*]

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THE SECRETARY, AND
JOHN M. ARNOLD.

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TO CONFERENCE OF 1879.

1. Report statistics and collections as early as possible—*on the first day*, if possible.
2. Report *even dollars and no cents*, if possible, to facilitate committee work.
3. Write proper names and figures with extreme care.
4. Presiding Elders should report at the next session a complete list of local preachers in their districts. Let the report state whether they are merely licensed, or Deacons or Elders. Give postoffice addresses of local preachers.
5. *Superannuate and Supernumerary members should send postoffice addresses to Secretary immediately.*

TO EVERY MEMBER—PERSONAL.

The Secretary, ARTHUR EDWARDS, 57 Washington street, Chicago, should receive immediately, by mail, answers to the following. The material is wanted to complete the Register:

1. Your name in full.
2. Born—where?
3. Born—when?
4. Admitted into full connection—in what Conference?
5. When?
6. If not originally admitted into Detroit Conference from what Conference, or other Church, transferred to Detroit Conference?
7. When?

JOURNAL OF THE SESSION

IN FULL.

FIRST DAY.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Wednesday, September 11, 1878.

The Twenty-third Session of the Detroit Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church began in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, at nine o'clock, Wednesday morning, September 11, 1878, Bishop Stephen M. Merrill, presiding.

Bishop Merrill conducted the opening religious services.

The Conference roll was called as follows, all being present save those who are marked absent:

Allen, Alfred, *absent*; Allen, Charles T., *absent*; Allington, William, *absent*; Anderson, Charles Miller; Arnold, John Motte; Atchinson, John Burch; Au tin, Charles Wm.

Balls, James; Bancroft, John Orlando; Barnes, Leemon; Barry, Edward; Bartlett, Alanson Roots; Baskerville, Thomas H; Bell, Andrew, *absent*; Benson, William, *absent*; Benton, Wm. Hart; Berry, Joseph Flint; Bessey, Samuel, *absent*; Bigelow, And. Jackson; Bigelow, Wm. Enos; Bird, Robert; Bird, Samuel; Birdsall, William, *absent*; Blades, Francis Asbury; Blood, Alva G, *absent*; Bourns, Alfred Francis; Bradley, Franklin, *absent*; Brockway, Edwin H, *absent*; Brown, Henry Newton; Brown, Samuel Joshua, *absent*; Burnett, Wm. Q.

Calkins, Sylvester, *absent*; Camburn, Ira H, *absent*; Campbell, John W, *absent*; Campbell, Wm. John; Campbell, Wm. M, *absent*; Casler, David; Caster, Elisha Ezra, *absent*; Caster, James Harvey, *absent*; Challis, Dewitt C, *absent*; Church, Charles Lewis, *absent*; Clack, Wm. J; Clark, Nathan N, *absent*; Clements, Samuel; Clough, Albert B; Coates, Frederick, *absent*; Cocker, Benjamin F; Cope, Robert L; Copp, Richard; Crane, Rufus Cullen; Craven, Edwin; Crippen, John Wesley; Curnalia, James Henry; Curtis, David A, *absent*.

Daniels, Eugene D, *absent*; Davidson, James F; Davis, George R; Davis, Lewis P; Dawe, Edwin; Dawe, William; Dean, Lyman Haines;

Diverty, James Emory; Dobbins, Jacob, *absent*; Donnelly, Wm; Donelson, Ira W, *absent*; Dunlap James A, *absent*; Dunning, Walter Edson.

Edwards, Arthur; Elwood, Isaac Newton.

Fair, Alexander Scott; Field, George H, *absent*; Fiske, Lewis Ransom, *absent*; Foster, Edwin; Fox, William; Frazee, Elias Wetmore, *absent*; Frazer, Joseph; Fuller, James Madison.

Gage, Rodney; Gardner, Thomas C, *absent*; Gee, Alexander, *absent*; Gibbs, Calvin; Gibberson, Daniel W; Gordon, John M, *absent*; Goss, Joel Byington; Gray, John, *absent*; Green, Nelson, *absent*.

Hagadorn, Wesley, *absent*; Hale, Osmer B, *absent*; Hamilton, John, *absent*; Hammond, Daniel W, *absent*; Hankinson, Joseph T, *absent*; Hascall, Erastus R, *absent*; Hazen, Albert R; Hedger, Benj. II, *absent*; Hickey, Manassah, *absent*; Hicks, Henry W; Higgins, Theron C, *absent*; Hodge John J; Hodskiss, Harvey, *absent*; Holt, Joseph Warren; Hood Hiram, *absent*; Horton, Jacob; Houghton, Levi Liberty, *absent*; Hoyt, Almon F; Hudson, James L; Hudson, Richard.

Jacklin, James E, *absent*; Jacokes, Daniel C; Johnson, Isaac, *absent*; Johnson, Peter O, *absent*; Johnston J. Milton, *absent*; Joslin, John S.; Joslin, Thomas Jeff, *absent*.

Kellerman, Charles R, *absent*; Kelley, John, *absent*; Kilpatrick, James H., *absent*; Kilpatrick, Jesse, *absent*; Kimmell, Samuel Bell, *absent*; Klumph, Erastus, *absent*.

Laing, Aaron R.; Lanning Robert C.; Lee, Luther; Lee, Samuel P, *absent*; Lowe, George W.; Lyon, George Marcius, *absent*; Lyons, Nelson, G.

Mahon, William, *absent*; Marksman, Peter, *absent*; Maywood, William P., deceased; McConnell, Richard, *absent*; McIlwain, John A.; McIntosh, John H.; Millar, David B.; Misener, Duston Wells; Mitchell Lewis, *absent*; Moon, Lewis A.; Morgan, Josiah George; Morton, James H., *absent*; Mosher, Curtis, *absent*.

Nankervis, Henry; Newton, Newell; Nichols, Thomas; Ninde, William Xavier, *absent*; Nixon, George, *absent*; Noble, James Richard; Northrup, Henry C.

Odell, Daniel J., *absent*; Omans, Thomas G., *absent*; Osborne, William H.; Owen, George W.

Palmer, Horace; Pardington, Raynor S.; Parker, Henry O., *absent*; Parker, Jacob E., *absent*; Paull, John S., *absent*; Pearce, Edwin P.; Pearce, Francis E., *absent*; Peirce, Nathan Wallace; Pearce, Webster H., *absent*; Pearman, Elias Elgin, *absent*; Perrin, Oliver Jacob; Pilcher, Leander W.; Pope, Russell Bigelow; Potter, Thomas George; Priestley, John Stanley, *absent*; Prindle, Elias B., *absent*; Pritchard, Benj. Franklin, *absent*; Pugh, John.

Ramsdell, Stephen L.; Reed, Seth; Richards, Andrew Jackson; Riddick, Isaac H., *absent*; Russell, Jesse B.; Russell, John.

Sanborn, Orlando; Scott, Marvin J., *absent*; Seeley, Thomas, *absent*; Shier, Dan. R.; Shier, William Henry; Simpson, Charles; Smart, James Shirley; Smith, Henry Harrison; Sparling, John George, *absent*; Sparrow, Peter L., DECEASED; Stalker, Thomas; Steele, Ebenezer; Steer, Edward; Stowe, George, *absent*; Strong, Frederick; Sutton, Joseph Swazey.

Taylor, Barton S., *absent*; Taylor, George; Taylor, William; Tedman, Lucius S.; Thompson, Henry W., *absent*; Tracy, D. Burnham;

Triggs, Robert, *absent*; Triggs, Wm. M., *absent*; Truscott, John M.; Tuttle, William, *absent*.

VanEvery, John M.; VanNorman, Ephraim, *absent*; Varnum, Joseph B., *absent*; Venning, James.

Ward, Duncan M., *absent*; Wakelin, Thomas, *absent*; Walker, John L., *absent*; Warren, Frederick Wales; Warren, Squire Ethan, *absent*; Washburn, W. Wallace; Way, Wm. Chittenden, *absent*; Wesley, John, *absent*; Westlake, Eli, *absent*; Whalen, James E., *absent*; White, Henry Sumner; Whiteley, Duke; Whitcomb, Alonzo; Whitcomb, John Goss., *absent*; Whitcomb, Lewis Jacob, *absent*; Whitmore, Orrin, *absent*; Wilcox, Isaac, *absent*; Wilkinson, Thomas; Wilsey, Marcenas B., *absent*; Wilson, Andrew W.; Wilson, George, *absent*; Withey, James E.; Wood, Alva B., *absent*; Woodhams, Roland; Wortley, Jacob C; Wright, Philip J, *absent*.

York, Frederick E., *absent*; York, Lodowic C.

When the names of Peter L. Sparrow and William P. Maywood were called, their deaths were announced.

The transfer of Lewis J. Whitcomb to Columbia River Conference was announced, and his name was removed from the roll.

Arthur Edwards was elected Secretary by acclamation, and empowered to nominate Assistant Secretaries.

The Standing Committees were confirmed as follows:

Public Worship—W. H. Shier, R. B. Pope.

Education—J. C. Wortley, B. F. Cocker, A. B. Wood.

Ministerial Education—W. X. Ninde, A. J. Bigelow, R. Hudson.

Conference Stewards—R. S. Pardington, E. W. Frazee, H. O. Parker, W. H. Benton, J. O. Bancroft, J. Horton.

Missions—The Presiding Elders.

Mission Auditors—H. N. Brown, R. C. Lanning, S. Bird.

Sunday Schools and Tracts—C. T. Allen, J. E. Jacklin, F. E. York.

Church Extension—T. J. Joslin, D. Casler, W. M. Triggs.

Freedmen—H. W. Illicks, O. Whitmore, G. W. Owen.

Periodicals—W. W. Washburn, E. E. Caster, J. A. McIlwain.

Bible Cause—D. C. Jacokes, Luther Lee, C. M. Anderson.

Temperance—D. R. Shier, J. Hamilton, W. M. Campbell.

Sanctity of the Sabbath—J. Kelley, S. E. Warren, T. H. Baskerville.

Statistics—L. C. York, J. M. Gordon, A. B. Clough, G. W. Lowe, L. Barnes, H. S. White.

Postoffices—L. P. Davis.

Parsonages—W. Hagadorn, W. M. Triggs, L. S. Tedman.

Memoirs—T. C. Gardner, B. S. Taylor, L. J. Hudson.

Conference Statistical Secretary—W. C. Way.

Conference Treasurers—D. Casler, C. Simpson, J. C. Higgins.

Conference Claimants—F. W. Warren, J. S. Smart, J. S. Sutton, J. G. Whitcomb, J. W. Holt, J. E. Whalen.

Book Concern Accounts—J. Russell, S. B. Kimmell, T. Wilkinson, C. M. Anderson, G. Stowe, W. E. Dunning.

To Nominate Committees for 1879—S. Clements, A. J. Bigelow, W. H. Pearce, J. W. Campbell, J. R. Noble, J. Horton.

To Publish the Minutes—The Secretary and J. M. Arnold.

J. M. Fuller moved that a committee of three be appointed to report on "The State of the Church within the bounds of his Conference." The motion prevailed and W. E. Bigelow, J. M. Arnold and J. C. Wortley were accordingly appointed as such committee.

W. W. Washburn moved to appoint a committee "to examine the general qualifications of Candidates for admission on trial" in this Conference. A. J. Bigelow moved to amend by giving that Committee authority to examine also the qualifications of Candidates for admission into full connection. After debate, the entire matter was laid on the table.

D. C. Jacokes announced that the Michigan Conference had appointed a Committee of five to consider the question of so dividing the Detroit and Michigan Conferences that the State may have three Conferences. He therefore moved that a corresponding Committee be appointed to meet and confer with the Committee from Michigan Conference. The motion prevailed and D. C. Jacokes, W. E. Bigelow, J. S. Smart, William Fox and S. Reed were appointed, as suggested.

The Rules of Order that governed the session of 1877 were adopted to govern this session.

Rev. S. Haskell, D.D., pastor of the Baptist, and Rev. W. H. Ryder pastor of the Congregationalist, Churches in Ann Arbor; Rev. C. Golder of the Central German, and Rev. D. A. Perrin, late of South Kansas, Conference, were introduced.

Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D.D., Editor of the *Southwestern Christian Advocate*, at New Orleans, was introduced, and he addressed the Conference in the interest of the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

F. A. Blades made a statement touching the results of a suit concerning the title to Church property at Newark, Lapeer Co., and the matter, including certain papers relating to the same subject, was referred to a Committee, for consideration, as follows: A. R. Bartlett, S. Reed, and W. E. Bigelow.

The TENTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was considered. The characters of J. M. Fuller, W. X. Ninde, C. T. Allen, W. W. Washburn, R. S. Pardington, John Russell, W. Q. Burnett, E. Barry, H. N. Brown, A. W. Wilson, L. C. York, H. O. Parker, J. M. Truscott, L. P. Davis, J. H. Caster, A. S. Fair, S. E. Warren, J. G. Morgan, J. B. Atchinson, G. W. Owen, Wm. J. Clack, J. H. Kilpatrick, O. J. Perrin, S. Clements, F. Bradley, D. J. Odell, J. Kilpatrick, F. W. Warren, L. L. Houghton, H. Hodskiss, J. H. Morton, N. W. Peirce, W. Hagadorn, B. F. Pritchard, C. W. Austin, Arthur Edwards, J. M. Arnold, L. W. Pilcher, G. R. Davis, L. R. Fiske, W. H. Shier, R. Hudson, A. J. Bigelow, W. E. Dunning, T. Nichols, S. B. Kimmell, C. L. Church, J. A. Dunlap, E. W. Frazee, R. Copp, J. M. Gordon, J. Frazer, Wm. M. Triggs, A. B. Wood, J. M. VanEvery, J. B. Russell, R. B. Pope, J. E. Diverty, D. R. Shier, J. C. Wortley, J. S. Sutton, J. A. McIlwain, H. Palmer, E. P. Pearce, J. S. Priestley, O. Whitmore, D. Casler, J. T. Hankinson, Geo. towe, D. W. Misener, B. F. Cocker, A. F. Bourns, W. H. Pearce, G. W. Lowe, J. B. Goss, Wm. Taylor, D. M. Ward, T. Seeley, J. Hamilton, W. H. Benton, W. C. Way, T. G. Potter, O. Sanborn, R. C. Lanning, J. G. Whitcomb, J. E. Withey, S. L. Ramsdell, J. Balls, L. S. Tedman, Wm. Birdsall, John Wesley, T. J. Joslin, T. Stalker, Wm. Tuttle, R. Gage, D. Whiteley, F. E. York, J. F. Davidson, B. H. Hedger, E. Steer, W. E. Bigelow, A. R. Bartlett, E. E. Caster, J. O. Bancroft, S. Reed, J. Venning, J. S. Smart, Wm. Dawe, T. H. Baskerville, I. H. Riddick, N. N. Clark, H. C. Northrup, N. Newton, O. B. Hale, W. H. Osborne, A. B. Clough, J. H. McIntosh, J. W. Crippen, C. R. Kellerman, H. W. Hicks, H. H. Smith, F. Strong, G. M. Lyon, J. H. Curnalia, R. Woodhams, R. L. Cope, P. J. Wright, J. G. Sparling, E. Foster and F. E. Pearce, were examined and passed.

The character of A. R. Laing was examined and passed and he was placed on the Superannuated List by his request.

Bishop Merrill having announced that a dividend of Thirty dollars (\$30) is due to this Conference from the Chartered Fund, a draft for that sum was ordered.

A document from the Trustees and Faculty of Garrett Biblical Institute was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Ministerial Education.

The Conference adjourned, notices were given and the Benediction was pronounced by J. M. Fuller.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, September 12, 1878.

The Conference met at half-past eight o'clock, A. M. Bishop Merrill in the chair. The opening religious services were conducted by J. F. Davidson.

The roll of absentees from the session of Wednesday were called and Richard McConnell, J. W. Holt, S. P. Lee, T. J. Joslin, B. H. Hedger, E. H. Brockway, J. G. Whitcomb, W. Birdsall, W. Tuttle, E. E. Caster, J. H. Caster, Jesse Kilpatrick, W. C. Way, B. S. Taylor, C. L. Church, W. Hagadorn, J. M. Gordon, L. L. Houghton, G. M. Lyon, E. E. Pearman, M. J. Scott, J. G. Sparling, F. E. Pearce, J. H. Kilpatrick, J. Hamilton, O. B. Hale, D. J. Odell, F. Bradley, N. N. Clark, G. Nixon, H. W. Thompson, J. H. Morton, W. M. Campbell, D. M. Ward, D. C. Challis, J. E. Jacklin, and A. G. Blood, answered to their names. Still others came in during the morning session.

The TENTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was resumed, the characters of I. N. Elwood, Wm. Fox, T. C. Higgins, Wm. J. Campbell, J. S. Joslin, A. Whitcomb, D. W. Hammond, W. M. Campbell, M. J. Scott, J. L. Walker, L. Barnes, J. W. Holt, Wm. Allington, S. P. Lee, Geo. Nixon, Wm. George, B. S. Taylor, J. R. Noble, C. M. Anderson, C. Simpson, A. R. Hazen,

E. E. Pearman, Sam'l Bird, E. Craven, A. J. Richards, H. S. White, J. E. Whalen, T. Wilkinson, J. M. Johnson, D. B. Millar, J. Horton, I. Johnson, T. G. Omans, J. S. Paull, H. W. Thompson, P. Marksman and S. J. Brown were examined and passed.

Pending THE TENTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION each presiding elder represented his district, and all said they had carried out the missionary plan as far as practicable.

It was reported from the Detroit Conference Board of Trustees that the terms of J. M. Arnold, A. R. Bartlett and William Fox as trustees had expired. Upon motion, the Secretary of the Conference was unanimously instructed to cast ballots for the said Arnold, Bartlett and Fox, as trustees, to succeed themselves. The ballot was duly cast and these persons were declared elected to serve their legal term.

J. Russell, A. J. Bigelow, J. S. Smart, A. J. Richards, L. C. York, J. A. McIlwain and W. J. Campbell were appointed a Committee to confer with the Board of Trustees of Detroit Conference concerning the proper disposition of a bequest recently left to the Conference.

The THIRD DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was considered. The Characters of J. M. Kerridge, J. C. Higgins, H. W. Wright, O. W. Willits, W. H. Allman, A. Crane, D. McFawn, Wm. George and G. F. Weeks, were examined and passed, and they were continued on trial, brethren Higgins, Wright and Weeks, to be required to complete the remaining course of study during the year.

Edward B. Bancroft and Lambert E. Lennox were discontinued at their own request.

Certain questions relating to the continuance of George J. Schweinfurth on trial were referred to a committee of which R. S. Pardington, J. A. McIlwain, J. M. Gordon, O. J. Perrin, R. Bird, Wm. X. Ninde and J. S. Smart, were made members.

The SIXTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was considered; the Characters of James E. Jacklin, D. C. Challis and A. B. Wood were examined and passed, and all were advanced to the Second

Class of Deacons, save A. G. Blood, who was continued in the first-class.

The Committee on Ministerial Education made a report (See Reports, **A.**) which was adopted. Pending the report, Rev. W. C. Dandy, D.D., agent for the Garrett Biblical Institute made an earnest address upon the subject.

Revs. G. C. Draper and G. Donaldson, of Michigan Conference; Rev. F. T. Brown, D.D., pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor; Rev. J. M. Richmond a fraternal delegate from the Presbyterian Synod of Michigan; and Rev. G. M. Tuthill District Secretary of the American Bible Society, were introduced. Messrs. Richmond and Tuthill made addresses touching their respective missions.

The SEVENTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was considered. The Characters of Edwin Dawe, A. F. Hoyt, J. L. Hudson, N. G. Lyons, F. Coates, L. N. Moon, D. W. Gibberson, J. F. Berry, J. J. Hodge, H. Nankervis and J. W. Campbell were passed, and they were elected to Elders' Orders.

The EIGHTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was considered. The characters of D. C. Jacokes and E. H. Brockway were passed, and they were continued on the Supernumerary List. The character of G. H. Field was passed, and he was made effective. The character of T. C. Gardner was passed, and he was placed on the Superannuated List.

The vote by which T. C. Gardner was superannuated was reconsidered, and a motion was made, as a substitute for the motion to make him superannuated, that he be made effective. This substitute was laid on the table, and it was moved as a substitute that Rev. T. C. Gardner be requested to locate. It was then moved as a substitute for all before the body that T. C. Gardner be continued as a supernumerary, which general substitute was laid on the table by a vote of sixty-seven (67) to thirty-eight (38).

A motion to lay on the table, the motion to request T. C. Gardner to locate was made, but it did not prevail. The entire question was then postponed until Friday.

The Conference adjourned, notices were given, and the Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Richmond, our fraternal visitor.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 13, 1878.

The Conference met at half-past eight o'clock. W. E. Bigelow conducted introductory worship.

The minutes were read and approved. The consideration of the EIGHTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was resumed. The pending question, that T. C. Gardner be requested to locate, was put and negatived. The original motion to place him on the superannuated list was carried. The character of Nelson Green was passed, and he was located at his own request. The characters of Robert Bird and Calvin Gibbs were passed, and they were made effective.

The NINTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was considered. The characters of Samuel Bessey, George Wilson, J. B. Varnum, S. Calkins, E. R. Hascall, R. C. Crane, M. B. Wilsey, J. E. Parker, E. Klumph, Wm. Benson, Wm. Mahon, E. VanNorman, L. Mitchell, H. Hood, R. Triggs, D. B. Tracy, were examined and passed, and they were continued on the superannuated list. George Taylor's character was passed, and he was made effective.

Rev. Dr. L. Hitchcock, an agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern, and J. M. Phillips, of the New York Book Concern, were introduced, and both made addresses concerning Methodist publishing interests.

J. S. Smart moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Conference that our Book Agents East and West ought to confer freely and openly in reference to premiums offered to subscribers to our church papers, and, as far as practicable, offer the same premiums on all our papers.

The resolution was passed by a very large majority.

The consideration of the NINTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was resumed. The characters of Andrew Bell, D. A. Curtis, John Gray, E. B. Prindle, J. Pugh, F. A. Blades, P. O. Johnson, R. McConnell, M. Hickey, J. Dobbins, T. Wakelin, I. W. Donelson, E. Steele, E. Westlake, I. H. Camburn, C. Mosher, A. Gee, A. Allen, L. H. Dean were examined and passed, and they were continued on the superannuate list.

The Conference adjourned, and the Benediction was pronounced by J. S. Smart.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, September 14, 1878.

The Conference met at half-past eight o'clock in the morning, Bishop Merrill in the chair.

Introductory worship was conducted by Samuel Clements.

The SEVENTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was further considered, and Isaac Wilcox was elected to Elders Orders.

Eugene D. Daniels was granted a location at his own request.

The TWENTY FIRST DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was considered, and George A. Walker duly recommended by Ruby Quarterly Conference, John Andrew by Sanilac Quarterly Conference, and Alfonso Crane by Hope Quarterly Conference, were elected to Local Deacon's Orders.

W. H. Shier returned to the Conference the parchments of John Crabbs, a Local Elder, who has withdrawn from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Richard Hudson and J. T. Hankinson were granted locations at their own request.

John S. Priestley, W. M. Triggs, B. H. Hedger and T. C. Higgins were placed on the superannuated list, and Peter Marksmen on the supernumerary list.

L. R. Fiske presented the report of the Albion College trustees, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

The following resolution was adopted:

“Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Albion College, be and are hereby most respectfully and earnestly petitioned to take the measures necessary for such a modification of the charter of Albion College as shall endow the master graduates of the institution, or her graduates of three year's standing, with power to elect one trustee of said college for every twenty-five master graduates, or graduates of three year's standing, until the number of the Trustees thus elected by them shall equal one-third of said Board; and thenceforward the same perpetually; provided, however, that the majority of the trustees so elected shall be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.”

D. C. JACOKES,
S. CLEMENTS.

[NOTE—This foregoing resolution was reconsidered, and laid on the table. See Journal, September 16.—SECRETARY.]

The committee in the case of George J. Schweinfurth made a report, which was received. (See Reports). Upon motion, G. J. Schweinfurth was discontinued.

A petition from Marine City Quarterly Conference asking a review of the action of Detroit Annual Conference, by which Albert Sheppard was located in 1876, was received and reported to a special committee. D. C. Jacokes, J. M. Gordon, S. Clements, C. T. Allen and W. W. Washburn were appointed as such committee.

Rev. J. M. Freeman, Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School and Tract Unions, was introduced, and he made an address on Sunday school and tract work.

T. J. Joslin offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That candidates for examination in the Conference classes be required to be at the seat of Conference in readiness for examination at 9 o'clock A. M., on the day preceding the opening of Conference.

The same moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That R. B. Pope, D. Casler and S. Clements be appointed a committee to mature a plan to facilitate the work of the Conference treasurer, the same to report at this session.

T. J. JOSLIN,
W. H. SHIER.

W. H. Shier offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder of Adrian District be, and is hereby authorized, to take special collections during the coming year in all his charges for the benefit of Monroe Church.

A communication from President J. B. Angell tendered open doors to all the departments of the University during the afternoon of Saturday, September 14. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

Walter Preston having satisfactorily answered the disciplinary questions, was admitted into full connection, he being a deacon.

John Sweet was continued on trial.

The Methodist Publishing Company tendered to the Superannuated Preacher's fund sixty-dollars. The sum was accepted with thanks.

The special committee to meet the Conference trustees made the following report, which was adopted :

A joint meeting of the Conference trustees and of the committee appointed by the Conference to confer with the trustees in regard to the bequest by Mrs. Winters, was held September 12, at 7 P. M. The following was unanimously adopted as their report to this Conference : 1. That the fund given to this Conference by Mrs. Lucy Winters shall be denominated "the Winters' Endowment Fund of the Detroit Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church." 2. That as the fund now according to the report of the treasurer amounts to \$14,559.60, we recommend that the interest upon the same shall be added to the principal until it shall have reached the full sum of \$15,000, and as there are no dividends this year to be disbursed, we recommend that further action in regard to it be postponed till another session of this Conference.

S. REED, Secretary.

The following document from the Quarterly Conference of the First Church of Port Huron was referred to S. Clements, B. F. Cocker, T. J. Joslin, J. S. Smart, John Kelly and Jacob Horton, who were designated as a committee to consider the case :

PORT HURON, September 9, 1878.

WHEREAS, Our church in this city (Port Huron) in our effort to build a house of worship, through the stringency of the times, have become seriously involved in debt so as to be in imminent danger of losing our church

property; therefore, Resolved, That we hereby request the annual Conference to take measures looking towards the relief of our church, and we respectfully suggest the propriety of appointing a member of the Conference as financial agent of the church with authority to travel at large to solicit aid. Resolved, That we request the appointment of Rev. William Fox as such agent, if the interest of the work will allow.

K. S. BUCK,

Secretary Quarterly Conference.

The consideration of the financial embarrassments of the churches at East Saginaw and Monroe was referred to the same committee.

The report of the Committee on Periodicals was adopted. [See Reports, **B.**] Pending this report, a passage recommending one metropolitan paper was stricken out.

The report of the Book Committee was received and placed on file.

The Conference adjourned, and Luther Lee pronounced the Benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, September 16, 1878.

The Conference met at the usual hour, Bishop Merrill in the chair. S. Reed conducted the opening religious services. The journal was read and approved.

Bishop Merrill presented the following certificate:

This certifies that on Sabbath, September 15, I ordained George A. Walker, Alphonso Crane and John Andrew to the office of Deacons; and that on the same day, assisted by Elders present, I ordained to the office of Elders the following persons, namely: Edwin Dawe, Almon F. Hoyt, James L. Hudson, Nelson G. Lyons, Frederick Coates, Lewis A. Moon, Daniel W. Alderson, Joseph F. Berry, Isaac Wilcox, Henry Nankervis, John J. , John W. Campbell.

S. M. MERRILL.

Or, Mich., September 16, 1878.

The Committee to nominate committees for the session in 1879, made the following report, which was laid on the table for confirmation next year :

COMMITTEES FOR 1879.

*-Public Worship—*Presiding Elder and Pastor at the place where the Conference is to be held.

*Education—*D. C. Jacokes, J. E. Jacklin, Joseph Frazee.

*Ministerial Education—*A. J. Bigelow, J. C. Wortley, L. P. Davis.

*Conference Stewards—*W. H. Benton, H. C. Northrup, H. W. Hicks.

*Missions—*The Presiding Elders.

*Bible Cause—*C. T. Allen, Wesley Hagadorn, D. B. Millar.

*Temperance—*Jesse Kilpatrick, L. Barnes, Wm. Taylor.

*Sanctity of the Sabbath—*Wm. Donnelly, G. M. Lyon, C. M. Anderson.

Postoffices—

*Parsonages—*J. E. Withey.

*Memoirs—*John Russell, J. F. Davidson, R. C. Lanning.

*Mission Auditors—*T. J. Joslin, Calvin Gibbs, J. W. Crippen.

*Sunday Schools and Tracts—*J. B. Atchinson, W. M. Campbell, J. M. VanEvery.

*Church Extension—*Wm. Fox, O. Sanborn, F. W. Frazee.

*Freedmen's Aid—*O. Whitmore, S. P. Lee, T. H. Baskerville.

*Periodicals—*B. S. Taylor, S. L. Ramsdell, R. Woodhams.

*Statistics—*R. S. Pardington, L. J. Hudson, John Hamilton, W. H. Osborn, C. Simpson, J. M. Johnston.

*Conference Claimants—*S. Clements, J. M. Gordon, T. G. Potter, S. Reed, W. J. Campbell, H. S. White.

*Debts Due the Book Concern—*H. O. Parker, T. Nichols, N. G. Lyons, J. O. Bancroft, D. W. Hammond, T. Wilkinson.

Publish Minutes—

To Nominate Committees for 1880—

*Conference Treasurer—*David Casler.

The Committee on Ministerial Education made a supplementary report nominating Wm. J. Campbell and Thomas Stalker as visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute. The report was adopted and the visitors confirmed.

The NINTH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was further considered, and William Donnelly and Luther Lee were continued on the superannuate list. Respecting Dr. Lee, the following was passed :

Resolved, That having a high appreciation of the ripe experience and rare abilities of Rev. Luther Lee, D. D., both as a preacher and lecturer, and rejoicing that he yet retains so much vigor for such public efforts, notwithstanding his advanced age, we cheerfully commend him to the public, and will, where we may find it practicable to do so, invite him to our pulpits, and ask our people to contribute to his support.

JOHN RUSSELL,
E. E. CASTER.

Rev. Wm. S. Paull, of Central Ohio Conference, was introduced.

The following was adopted :

WHEREAS, It is of great importance to interest all our preachers and people in our Superannuated Preacher's Aid Society in order that its principles may be well understood, and its funds increased so that we may be able to make some suitable provision for our worn-out brethren, and the widows and orphans of our deceased ministers, and

WHEREAS, The practice of the Society of holding its anniversary on Tuesday evening of the Conference week, does not secure the attendance of our preachers or people in such numbers as is desirable, or as would be secured at a later evening in the week ; therefore,

Resolved, That we respectfully request the officers of the Superannuated Preacher's Aid Society to hereafter arrange for its anniversary on Friday or Saturday evening.

J. S. SMART,
ARTHUR EDWARDS.

T. J. Joslin represented that Rev. Dr. Luther Lee, of this Conference has a manuscript autobiography, and the Conference requested Dr. Lee to print the same.

George F. Weeks was discontinued at his own request.

The character of John Kelly was examined and passed.

The following Triers of Appeals were elected : F. W. Warren, J. C. Wortley, W. E. Bigelow, J. O. Bancroft, B. S. Taylor, A. J. Richards, O. Sanborn.

D. W. Hammond was granted a superannuate relation.

The TWENTIETH DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was considered. Ann Arbor, Milford, Bayview and Portsmouth were nominated as the seat of the next Conference, but in view of the warm, cordial invitation to return, Ann Arbor was unanimously chosen by a rising vote as the place for the next session.

The Committee appointed to consider matters relating to the title to Methodist church property at Newark, Lapeer county, made a report which was adopted. [See Reports, **C.**]

The Committee on the State of the Church made a report, which was adopted.

- The visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute made a report, which was read and ordered to be filed.

The following, offered by J. S. Smart, was adopted :

Resolved, That in view of the pressing wants of our missionary work, and the vast fields of usefulness opening before our church, we find that an advance in the amount of our contributions to this cause is imperatively demanded, and we pledge ourselves to renewed and more earnest efforts to secure this result in the ensuing year.

Resolved, That we will specially urge upon our people the propriety and importance of becoming life-members of our Conference Missionary Society until the name of every member of our churches shall be entered in this roll of honor.

Resolved, That we will report the names of life-members of both the Parent and Conference Missionary Societies, from our several charges, and also the names of all collectors, and the name of each contributor to each collector that they may be arranged by districts and by charges, for publication in the annual report of the Conference Missionary Society, together with the contributions and collections received from other sources.

Resolved 4, That the Secretary of the Conference Missionary Society be requested to furnish at the anniversary of the Society in 1879 a report of the state and wants of the missionary work in our own territory, and as far as practicable in the general field.

Resolved 5, That we will thoroughly study and endeavor to efficiently work the plan laid down upon this subject in the discipline.

The Committee on the Sanctity of the Sabbath made a report which was adopted. [See Reports, **E.**]

The Committee on Church Extension made a report which was adopted. [See Reports, **F.**]

The President called for the Disciplinary report from the Conference Church Extension Board but none was forthcoming.

The Mission Auditors made a report which was adopted. [See Reports, **G.**]

The Committee on Temperance made a report which was adopted. [See Reports, **H.**]

The Committee on Parsonages made a report which was adopted. [See Reports, **I.**]

The FIRST DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was considered, and John Maywood applied for re-admission upon a certificate of location granted to him Sept 4, 1876, by the Detroit Conference. The application was referred to the following Committee: W. E. Bigelow, W. H. Pearce, J. O. Bancroft, H. S. White, J. F. Davidson, W. W. Washburn, J. C. Wortley, J. B. Russell and S. Clements.

Donald A. Perrin was re-admitted upon a certificate of location granted by the South Kansas Conference, March 9, 1878.

It was ordered that when the Conference adjourns, it adjourns to meet at half-past seven in the evening.

Certain documents relating to Sanitary Science, printed by the State Board of Health were received from D. C. Jacokes of this Conference who is a member of said Board, and the thanks of the Conference were returned to the Board.

The Conference Treasurer made a report of Summaries of Cash received by him, and the report was adopted. [See Reports, **J.**]

The Conference adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Conference met at the appointed hour Bishop Merrill in the chair. The religious services were conducted by H. O. Parker.

The journal of the morning's session was read and approved.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made a report which was adopted. [See Reports, **K.**]

The Stewards made their report which was adopted. [See Reports, **L.**] and distributed their funds in open Conference as shown by Disciplinary questions and answers, seventeen and eighteen.

The Committee on Memoirs made a report which was adopted. [See Reports, **M.**]

The SECOND DISCIPLINARY QUESTION was considered and Alexander J. Holmes duly recommended by Tyre quarterly Conference, Paul Des Jardins by Speaker Quarterly Conference, Charles H. Talmadge by the Otsego district Conference, Wyoming Annual Conference, were admitted on trial.

The motion by which D. A. Curtis was continued on the Superannuate list, at this session, was re-considered and he was made effective.

It was moved that Joseph S. Sutton be placed on the Superannuate list and the motion prevailed.

It was ordered that the vote by which Alexander J. Holmes was admitted on trial at this evening's session be reconsidered, and the question being again tested, the Candidate was admitted.

The Committee to which was referred the application for admission of John Maywood reported as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred the case of Rev. John Maywood, after a lengthy and patient hearing of all the evidence at their command bearing upon the matters committed to their investigation, beg leave to report that they find nothing that is a sufficient bar to his re-admission into the Conference.

W. E. BIGELOW, *Ch'n.*

W. W. WASHBURN, *Sect.*

The report was adopted and the Candidate was admitted.

S. Reed offered the following resolutions, which were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Resolved, That we hereby record with the most sincere pleasure our appreciation of the very marked kindness and hospitality with which our brethren and friends of the Ann Arbor church have entertained the present session of our Conference, and also to those families of our sister denominations who have so kindly welcomed our members as guests in their families, and it will ever be our pleasure to remember them in our prayers to our Heavenly Father.

2. Our thanks are due, and are hereby expressed, to the ladies of this church whose thoughtful hearts and willing hands have so tastefully decorated the church, and in many other ways have made our session pleasant.

3. Our thanks are also due to Rev. R. B. Pope, pastor of this church, for the truly Christian and urbane manner in which he has welcomed and served us during this session.

4. We desire also to recognize the value of the services of, and express our thanks to Mr. Stephen Adams, the janitor of this church, whose faithfulness has been observed by us through the entire session.

S. REED,
R. S. PARDINGTON,
H. O. PARKER.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby extended to Rev. D. B. Tracy, Railroad Secretary, for his valuable services in procuring reduction of rates on the different railroads, and to the M. C. R. R., and Toledo and Ann Arbor R. R. for the reduction of rates.

H. O. PARKER,
R. S. PARDINGTON,
J. M. ARNOLD.

Bishop Merrill retired with the Presiding Elders to complete the appointments, and he called J. S. Smart to the chair.

The Bishop presiding was, by vote, requested to appoint John M. Arnold the agent of the Conference Superannuated Preacher's Aid Society.

The Committee to confer with the Committee from Michigan Conference concerning the division of the two conferences in the State into three conferences, asked, and were granted leave to sit during the year, and complete their action for presentation to the conferences at their sessions in 1879.

The Committee on Statistics made a report, which was adopted. [See Statistics.]

The Committee in the case of Albert Shepard reported that they found that he says he did not ask for a location in 1876, though his Presiding Elder thinks he did so consent. In view of this misunderstanding, the Committee recommend that the Conference grant the requests made by Albert Shepard; *first*, that he be restored to membership in the Conference, and *second*, that he be granted a location. The report was adopted, and Albert Shepard was readmitted and located at his own request.

The Committee on Education made a report, which was adopted. [See Reports, N.] The trustees nominated in this

report were only elected by ballot. The resolution adopted September 14, 1878, where reconsideration was recommended by the report, was laid on the table.

The committee to prepare a plan for making returns of collections, reported as follows :

Your committee to mature a plan for improving the manner of making the returns of the various collections to the Conference treasurer, recommend the adoption of a system similar to that already brought before the attention of the Conference, and that the committee be empowered to prepare and distribute such envelopes so that the reports to the coming Conference may be made in this way.

R. B. POPE, *Ch'n.*

The Committee on Freedmen's Aid Society made a report, which was adopted. [See Reports, **O.**]

The report of the visitors to Albion College was presented, and ordered to be placed on file.

Bishop Merrill re-took the chair.

The report of the Committee on Bible Cause was presented and adopted. [See Reports, **P.**]

The following resolution, being submitted by the Secretary to the Conference, was adopted by a Unanimous rising vote :

Resolved, That we do hereby express our pleasure in the visit and presidency of Bishop Merrill, and our desire that we may soon be enabled to greet him among us again ; and we earnestly pray the Great Head of the church that he may speedily be restored to perfect health, and long continue his useful labors in the church.

JOHN RUSSELL,
F. E. YORK.

The President nominated the Conference Board of Church Extension, which was confirmed by the Conference. [See list of Conference officers.]

Bishop Merrill announced the following :

COMMITTEES TO EXAMINE.

Admission on Trial—R. S. Pardington, C. R. Kellerman, J. L. Walker.

Local Deacon's Orders—J. Hamilton, J. W. Holt, Wm. Tuttle.

Local Elders—Wm. Taylor, J. H. Kilpatrick, George Taylor.

First Year—L. Barnes, S. B. Kimmell, J. E. Whalen.
Second Year—H. C. Northrup, E. W. Frazee, O. J. Perrin.
Third Year—W. W. Washburn, J. C. Wortley, W. J. Campbell.
Fourth Year—A. J. Bigelow, T. J. Joslin, J. F. Davidson.
To Preach the Missionary Sermon—J. Venning. Alternate—B. S. Taylor.

The Committee on Missions made the following appropriations which were approved.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS 1878-79.

DETROIT CONFERENCE.

PORT HURON DISTRICT—White Rock.....	\$ 75 00
Sanilac Mission.....	110 00
Capac.....	98 00
Bad Axe.....	150 00
Meade	65 00
	————\$498 00

SAGINAW DISTRICT—Owosso.....	\$60 00
Burton.....	60 00
St. Charles.....	50 00
Hope.....	60 00
Ames.....	74 00
Pinconning	30 00
Tawas.....	50 00
Alcona	50 00
Alpena Mission.....	50 00
Bridgeport.....	36 00
Bayport.....	50 00
	———— 570 00

FLINT DISTRICT—Clarkston	\$100	
		100 00

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT—Menominee.....	\$200 00
Escanaba.....	50 00
Sault Ste. Marie.....	75 00
L'Anse.....	125 00
South Ste. Marie.....	32 00
District.....	350 00
	———— 832 00

Total.....	\$2,000 00
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INDIAN MISSIONS.

SAGINAW DISTRICT—Taymouth Indian Mission.....	\$110 00
Saganing Indian Missions.....	115 00
LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT—Kewawenon.....	100 00
Iroquois.....	125 00
Cedar River.....	75 00
Superintendent.....	175 00
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	\$700 00

W. H. SHIER, *Sect. of Con.*

I concur in the foregoing.

S. M. MERRILL.

The Stewards were authorized to borrow twenty-six dollars (\$26) of J. M. Arnold to pay the claim of Mrs. Elisha Bibbins, the same to be repaid next year out of the Stewards fund.

Twenty-five dollars (\$25) were ordered to be paid to J. M. Arnold, out of the Conference Mission Fund, to pay for printing missionary matter in the minutes.

The transfers of George S. Hickey from Southern California, and of John Atkinson from Rock River, Conferences to this Conference were announced by Bishop Merrill.

It was ordered that after the reading of the Journal, the announcement of the appointments and religious services, the Conference should adjourn.

The Conference was accordingly adjourned.

ARTHUR EDWARDS, *Secretary.*

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1. *Have any entered this Conference by transfer or re-admission?*

ANSWER.—*By transfer*—George S. Hickey, from Southern California Conference; John Atkinson, from Rock River. *By Re-admission*—John Maywood, Donald A. Perrin, Albert Sheppard—5.

QUESTION 2. *Who are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER.—Alexander J. Holmes, Paul Desjardins, Charles H. Talmadge—3.

QUESTION 3. *Who remain on trial?*

ANSWER.—J. M. Kerridge, J. C. Higgins, H. W. Wright, O. W. Willets, Wm. H. Allman, Alfonzo Crane, D. McFawn, Wm. George, John Sweet—9.

QUESTION 4. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

ANSWER.—Walter Preston—1.

QUESTION 5. *Who are Deacons of the First Class?*

ANSWER.—Alva G. Blood, Walter Preston—2.

QUESTION 6. *Who are Deacons of the Second Class?*

ANSWER.—James E. Jacklin, D. C. Challis, A. B. Wood—3.

QUESTION 7. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders?*

ANSWER.—Edwin Dawe, A. F. Hoyt, J. L. Hudson, N. G. Lyons, F. Coates, L. N. Moon, D. W. Gibberson, J. F. Berry, John J. Hodge, H. Nankervis, J. W. Campbell, Isaac Wilcox—12.

QUESTION 8. *Who are the supernumerary Preachers?*

ANSWER.—Daniel C. Jacokes, E. H. Brockway, Peter Marksman—3.

QUESTION 9. *Who are the superannuated Preachers?*

ANSWER.—S. Bessey, George Wilson, J. B. Varnum, S. Calkins, E. R. Hascall, R. C. Crane, M. B. Wilsey, J. E. Parker, E. Klumph, Wm. Benson, Wm. Mahon, E. Van Norman, L. Mitchell, H. Hood, Robert Triggs, D. B. Tracy, Andrew Bell, John Gray, E. B. Prindle, Luther Lee, John Pugh, F. A. Blades, P. O. Johnson, R. McConnell, J. Dobbins, T. Wakelin, I. W. Donelson, E. Steele, E. Westlake, I. H. Camburn, Curtis Mosher, Alexander Gee, Alfred Allen, M. Hickey, Wm. Donnelly, Lyman H. Dean, A. R. Laing, T. C. Gardner, John S. Priestley, Wm. M. Triggs, B. H. Hedger, T. C. Higgins, Daniel W. Hammond, Joseph S. Sutton—44.

QUESTION 10. *Was the character of each preacher examined?*

ANSWER.—Yes. The names of the preachers were all called in open session, and their characters examined as the Discipline requires, and as the journal of the session shows.

QUESTION 11. *Have any located?*

ANSWER.—Yes. Nelson Green, Eugene D. Daniels, Richard Hudson, J. T. Hankinson, Albert Sheppard—5.

QUESTION 12. *Have any withdrawn?*

ANSWER.—Yes. John Crabbs, a Local Elder.

QUESTION 13. *Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?*

ANSWER.—Yes. Lewis J. Whitcomb, to Columbia River Conference—1.

QUESTION 14. *Have any been expelled?*

ANSWER.—No.

QUESTION 15. *Have any died?*

ANSWER.—Yes. William P. Maywood, at Denver, Col., November 17, 1877, Peter L. Sparrow—2. [See Memoirs.]

QUESTION 16. *What is the statistical report?*

ANSWER.—See Statistical Tables.

QUESTION 17. *What are the claims upon the Conference fund?*

ANSWER.—

Amount necessary for Superannuated Preachers, Not report-	
Widows and Orphans.....	ed to Con-
Deficiencies in Preachers' Salaries.....	ference
	Secretary.

Total.....	A. E.
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QUESTION 18. (1) *What has been received on the foregoing claims, and (2) how has the money been applied?*

ANSWER.—(1.)

From Circuits and Stations.....	\$ 1,383 63
From Chartered Fund.....	30 00
From Methodist Publishing Co.....	60 00
Total.....	\$ 1,473 63

(2.) The sums have been applied as follows :

BENEFICIARY.	CLAIM.	MONEY DELIVERED TO.	ALLOWED.
S. Bessey.....	\$200 00	W. H. Shier.....	\$ 52 16
George Wilson.....	200 00	T. J. Joslin.....	52 16
John Pugh.....	300 00	Self.....	78 24
R. C. Crane.....	200 00	Self.....	52 16
E. Klumph.....	200 00	J. G. Morgan.....	52 16
Mrs. Hevener.....	100 00	Arnold.....	20 08
Jacob Dobbins.....	200 00	Self.....	52 16
L. H. Dean.....	200 00	J. Kilpatrick.....	52 16
Mrs. G. Belknap.....	100 00	Arnold.....	26 08
Mrs. A. C. Shaw.....	200 00	Arnold.....	52 16
Mrs. Rebecca Todd.....	200 00	Edwards.....	52 16
A. Allen.....	100 00	N. W. Pierce.....	26 08
E. Van Norman.....	200 00	Clements.....	52 16
E. B. Prindle.....	100 00	Clements.....	26 08
Wm. Mahon.....	200 00	E. E. Caster.....	52 16
L. Mitchell.....	200 00	Pearman.....	52 16
R. Triggs.....	200 00	J. M. Gordon.....	52 16
T. Westlake.....	200 00	Self.....	52 16
T. Wakelin.....	150 00	J. B. Goss.....	39 12
Luther Lee.....	200 00	Self.....	52 16
Mrs. Dubois.....	100 00	Self.....	26 08
Mrs. I. C. Cochrane.....	200 00	R. B. Pope.....	52 16
Mrs. Shank.....	200 00	S. Reed.....	52 16
Mrs. R. R. Richards.....	100 00	Whitmore.....	26 08
Mrs. J. R. Cordon.....	200 00	Whiteley.....	52 16
Mrs. George Smith.....	200 00	R. B. Pope.....	52 16
Mrs. Greensky.....	100 00	Bartlett.....	26 08
Mrs. W. P. Maywood.....	100 00	J. Maywood.....	26 08
D. A. Curtiss.....	200 00	Self.....	52 16
Wm. Doney.....	200 00	Self.....	52 16
John Gray.....	200 00	Hazen.....	52 16
L. Lee.....	200 00	Self.....	52 16
	\$5,650 00		\$1,467 52

QUESTION 19. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

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APPOINTMENTS, 1877-8.

NOTE.—The figure denotes the year in his present charge upon which he entered when his appointment was made.

DETROIT DISTRICT—J. M. FULLER, P. E. (3.)

DETROIT :	Royal Oak and Warren, S. E. Warren. (1).
Central church, W. X. Ninde. (3).	Belleville, E. Barry. (1).
Simpson church, D. Casler. (1).	Leesville, J. M. Truscott. (1).
Tabernacle, C. T. Allen. (2).	Ypsilanti, W. W. Washburn. (1).
Jefferson Avenue, R. S. Parding-ton. (2).	Salem and Northfield, S. Clements.
Sixteenth st., T. C. Higgins. (1).	South Lyon, F. Bradley. (3).
Fort Street, W. Q. Burnett. (2).	Brighton, J. H. Kilpatrick. (1).
Wyandotte, G. W. Owen. (1).	Howell, J. M. Gordon. (1).
Trenton, H. N. Brown. (2).	Fowlerville, F. W. Warren. (3).
Flat Rock, A. W. Wilson. (2).	Iosco, supplied by J. B. Withey.
Denton, L. C. York. (3).	Leroy, H. Hodskiss. (2).
Wayne, H. O. Parker. (2).	Stockbridge, J. H. Morton. (2).
Dearborn, D. J. Odell. (1).	Williamston, N. W. Pierce. (3).
Plymouth, J. G. Morgan. (1).	Dansville, B. F. Pritchard. (1).
Northville, J. E. Jacklin. (2).	Unadilla and North Lake. W. J. Clack. (1).
Walled Lake, J. H. Caster. (2).	Pinckney, L. L. Houghton. (1).
Commerce, A. S. Fair. (2).	Hamburg and Whitmore Lake, D. A. Perrin. (1).
Farmington, W. Hagadorn. (1).	Springwells, supplied.
Southfield, C. W. Austin. (1).	
Birmingham, J. B. Atchinson. (2).	
New Boston, A. F. Hoyt. (2).	

Arthur Edwards, Editor *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, member Central Church Quarterly Conference.

J. M. Arnold, Agent Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society, member Simpson Quarterly Conference.

L. R. Fiske, President Albion College, member of Tabernacle Quarterly Conference.

Leander W. Pilcher and George R. Davis, Missionaries to North China.

ADRIAN DISTRICT—W. H. SHIER, P. E. (2).

Adrian, W. H. Pearce. (1).	Fairfield, S. B. Kinmell. (1).
Tecumseh, A. J. Bigelow. (2).	Ann Arbor, R. B. Pope. (3).

- Clinton and Macon, Jesse Kilpatrick. Augusta, W. E. Dunning. (1).
 Chelsea, J. L. Hudson. (1).
 Manchester, J. A. Mellwain. (1). Carlton and Scofield, J. M. Kerridge.
 Napoleon and Brooklyn, T. Nichols. (2).
 (3). Dexter and Lima, L. P. Davis. (1).
 Sharon, Duke Whitely. (1). Dixboro, Thomas Seely. (1)
 Deerfield and Petersburg, J. E. Di- Grass Lake, J. Frazer. (1).
 verty. (1). Henrietta, Wm. Tuthill. (1),
 Lambertville, J. A. Dunlap. (2). Milan & Oakville, J. B. Russell. (1).
 Blissfield, E. W. Frazee. (2). Addison, Oscar W. Willitts. (1).
 Palmyra, Geo. Taylor. (1). Saline, D. R. Shier. (1).
 Morenci, J. Horton. (1). Monroe, O. J. Perrin. (1).
 Hudson, J. C. Wortley. (1). Medina, G. M. Lyon. (1).
 Franklin, E. P. Pearce. (1). Waterloo, G. W. Stowe. (2).
 Ridgeway, A. B. Wood. (2.) Dundee, D. W. Misener. (2).

Clayton, J. M. VanEvery. (3).

B. F. Cocker, Professor in Michigan University, member
 Ann Arbor Quarterly Conference.

FLINT DISTRICT—A. F. BOURNS, P. E., Flint. (4).

FLINT:

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| Court St., J. Venning. (1). | Milford, G. S. Hickey.* |
| Garland St., T. J. Joslin. (1). | Pontiac, T. Stalker. (2). |
| Otisville, A. G. Blood. (2). | Troy, E. Craven. (1). |
| Mt. Morris, L. S. Tedman. (1). | Utica, J. F. Davidson. (1). |
| Flushing, Wm. Taylor. (2). | Rochester, supplied by J. Armstrong. |
| Hazelton, D. M. Ward. (2). | (3). |
| Swartz Creek, J. B. Goss. (1). | Orion, T. Wilkinson. (1). |
| Grand Blanc, R. Gage. (1). | Gaines, J. Wesley. (1). |
| Davisburg, W. H. Benton. (2). | Vernon, J. G. Whitcomb. (3). |
| Holly, W. C. Way. (3). | Woodhull, J. E. Withey. (2). |
| Fenton, E. E. Caster. (1). | Highland, S. L. Ramsdell. (2). |
| Linden, O. Sanborn. (3). | Davison, R. Copp. (1). |
| Hartland, N. G. Lyons. (2). | Clarkston, F. E. York. (2). |
| Parshallville, E. Dawe. (2). | Oxford, O. Whitmore. (1). |
| Byron, R. C. Lanning. (1). | Seymour Lake, E. Steer. (1). |
| Oak Grove, Wm. Birdsall. (2). | Goodrich, C. L. Church. (1). |
| Perry, J. J. Hodge. (1). | Hadley, H. W. Wright. (2). |
| Conway, D. W. Gibberson. (2). | Lapeer, T. G. Potter. (1). |

SAGINAW DISTRICT—A. R. BARTLETT, P. E. Bay City P. O. (4).

- Alpena, H. C. Northrup. (3). Reese, P. J. Wright. (1).
 Alpena mission, Wm. H. Allman. (1). Millington, J. H. Curnalia. (1).

*Transferred to Mich. Conference and stationed at Albion.

- Alcona, supplied by T. McGee. (1). Vassar, R. Woodhams. (3).
 Harrisville, N. N. Clark. (3). Tuscola, L. N. Moon. (3).
 Oscoda, I. H. Riddick. (2). Bridgeport, E. Foster. (1).
 E. Tawas, T. H. Baskerville. (2). Taymouth Ind. mission, to be supplied.
 Tawas City, supplied by Geo. Huckle. supplied.
 Rifle River, " " " East Saginaw :
 Pinconning, Alfonzo Crane. (1). Jefferson St., W. E. Bigelow. (1).
 Saganing Indian mission, supplied. Hess St., J. O. Bancroft. (2).
 Ogama, supplied. Saginaw City :
 BAY CITY: Washington Ave., S. Reed. (2).
 West Bay City, Wm. Dawe. (2). Ames church, J. W. Crippen. (1).
 Washington St., J. Atkinson. St. Charles, A. B. Clough. (2).
 Fremont Ave., J. S. Smart. (3). Chesaning, C. R. Kellerman. (1).
 Woodside Ave., C. Gibbs. (2). West Haven, H. W. Hicks. (1).
 Caseville, W. Fox. (1). Corunna, J. W. Campbell. (1).
 Bay Port, D. C. Challis. (2). Owosso, W. H. Osborn. (1).
 Unionville, F. E. Pearce. (2). Bennington, F. Strong. (2).
 Cass City, J. G. Sparling. (2). Laingsburg, J. H. McIntosh. (1).
 Caro, G. H. Field. (1). Burton, H. H. Smith. (2).
 Watrousville, R. L. Cope. (1). Ingersoll, O. B. Hale. (3).
 Mayville, Geo. Nixon; one to be supplied. Tittibawassa, N. Newton. (2).
 Midland, C. H. Talmadge. (1).
 Hope, W. Preston. (1).

PORT HURON DISTRICT—I. N. ELWOOD, P. E. Port Huron P. O. (2).

- Port Huron, H. S. White. (1). Lexington, L. Barnes. (3).
 Fort Gratiot, J. F. Berry. (3). Croswell & Speaker, to be supplied.
 Marysville, J. W. Holt. (1). (1).
 St. Clair, W. J. Campbell. (2). Port Sanilac, D. McFawn. (2).
 Marine City, J. S. Joslin. (2). Forester, supplied.
 Algonac, to be supplied. (1). Deckerville, Wm. Allington. (3).
 Memphis, Wm. George. (1). Romeo, J. Kelly. (2).
 Richmond, J. Maywood. (1). Washington, C. Simpson. (3).
 White Rock, R. Bird. (1). Almont, S. Bird. (1).
 Tyre, A. J. Holmes. (3). Dryden, A. R. Hazen. (2).
 Port Hope, H. Nankervis. Attica and Goodland, E. E. Pearman. (2).
 Capac, A. Whitcomb. (1). North Branch, W. M. Campbell. (1).
 Port Austin, to be supplied. (1). Marlette, S. P. Lee, Paul Desjardines.
 Mt. Clemens, B. S. Taylor. (2). (1).
 New Haven and Chesterfield, J. R. Noble. (2).
 Armada, J. L. Walker. (1). Mt. Vernon & Lakeville, C. M. Anderson. (1).

Adair, M. J. Scott. (2).	Sanilac mission, supplied by J. Andrews. (2).
Brockway, F. Coates. (2).	
Ruby, W. Fox.	Bad Axe, supplied. (1).
Lakeport, J. Balls. (1).	Meade & Lake, supplied.

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT—A. J. RICHARDS, P. E., Marquette. (4).

Marquette, J. Russell. (1).	Rockland & Maple Grove, T. G. Omans. (2).
Negaunee, J. E. Whalen. (2).	
Ishpeming, J. Hamilton. (1).	Atlantic, Isaac, Johnston. (1).
Republic & Champion, J. S. Paull. (2).	Escanaba, W. H. Thompson. (2).
Michigammi & Humbolt, supplied by J. Ivy.	Manistique, supplied. Menominee, supplied.
L'Anse & Kewawenon mission, D. Ste. A. Curtis. (1).	St. Marie & Iroquois, S. J. Brown. (2).
Houghton, J. M. Johnston. (2).	South Ste. Marie, supplied by J. Hancock, D. B. Miller. (3).
	Donelson.
Calumet, G. W. Lowe.	Grand Island & Cedar River, supplied.
Lake Linden. J. Sweet.. (2).	
Phoenix & Clifton. I. Wilcox. (2).	Ontonogon & Iron River, supplied.
Central & Copper Falls, H. Palmer. (1).	Isle Royal, supplied by P. Marksman.

QUESTION 20. *Where and when shall the next Conference be held?*

ANSWER.—At Ann Arbor, Mich., at a time to be fixed by the Bishops at their meeting in May, 1879. [See Journal, morning session, Monday, September 16, 1878.]

QUESTION 21. *Have any Local Preachers been ordained?*

ANSWER.—*Deacons*—George A. Walker, John Andrew, Alfonzo Crane—3.

QUESTION 22. *Are any of our Literary or Theological institutions under the control and patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition?*

ANSWER.—See reports on "Education," and "Ministerial Education."

QUESTION 23. *Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?*

ANSWER.—See list of Conference Societies.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

[Names of Chairmen only are given here. For other names of Committeemen see the Journal.]

[A.]

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, for almost a quarter of a century, Garrett Biblical Institute, the only Theological school of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the North West, has been enabled to furnish instruction and training to upwards of a thousand young men, most of whom are in the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, fifteen of them in India and China alone; and, Whereas, the entire maintenance of the school has been derived from an endowment given by a single Christian woman; and, Whereas, in the stress of "hard times," without mismanagement or prodigal expenditure upon the part of the Trustees, the endowment has been greatly impaired, and the income of the school entirely cut off, so that this work cannot be continued without aid; and, Whereas, the proofs of Divine approval in the past and the imperative need of the present, indicate that the Church ought not to abandon the Institute or recede from the work of ministerial training, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we approve of the effort to increase the endowment of the Institute and pledge our hearty co-operation in the work. 2. That we will take a collection in our respective charges in behalf of the Institute; any excess of amount above current expenses to be added to the endowment fund. 3. That we will take this collection second Sunday in November, unless imperative reasons should justify a postponement, and in the event of postponement, the collection shall be taken the Sunday following.

WM. X. NINDE, *Chairman*.

NOTE.—Send collections O. Lunt, Room 17, No. 100 Washington st., Chicago.

[B.]

PERIODICALS.

Mr. Wesley made tireless efforts for the circulation of religious reading among his preachers and societies. He counted the press his most

efficient ally. One of his rules for the preachers was, "read constantly the best books." This high mission of the press the church which he founded has never ceased to recognize. No church in Christendom has such thoroughly devised plans for the dissemination of what she regards wholesome religious reading as the Methodist Church. Such plans were necessary; for it was her mission to present to the world new phases of truth, to illustrate new phases of Christian experience, and hence she had to make her own literature and send it forth into the world. To accomplish this purpose she did not depend upon private enterprise, but inaugurated a vast publishing interest as a part of her own legitimate work.

It is much to be regretted that the old method of circulating our books has not been maintained by the preachers, or that some plan better suited to the times but equally efficient, has not been devised. A very small proportion of our membership, even the most intelligent, know anything of the extent or value of the list of books upon the shelves of our publishing houses. The conspicuous and constant advertising in our papers accomplishes all that can be accomplished in that way. But people are much more likely to purchase a book when brought to their immediate notice, than when it has to be ordered through the mail. Your Committee are of the conviction that the preachers should make more direct and systematic efforts, each adopting such plans as may seem feasible to secure the sale of our books.

The last report of the Book Committee which has been put in our hands shows a thorough and business-like management of the great publishing interests of the Church. The net capital of the New York Concern, June 30, 1877, was \$974,192.01. The sales of merchandise for the year closing at that date amounted to \$569,861.59; a decrease over the previous year of \$20,070.82; sales of periodicals was \$266,051.73, an increase of \$15,241.95; total sales, 835,913.32; giving a profit of \$24,075.23. The net capital of the Western Concern was \$429,474.63; sales of merchandise, \$341,180.04; of periodicals, \$317,294.36; total, \$658,474.40. The profit at Cincinnati for the year ending Nov. 30, 1877, was \$13,885.92; the loss of the other Depositories, \$16,470.67; giving a net loss of \$2,584.75, to the Western Concern. The loss of the Depositories was \$6,268.76 less than the previous year.

The committee say that the business of the year 1877 is in some respects an advance upon that of the former year, and gives good promise for the current year. There is urgent need of increasing the circulation of our books and periodicals.

Concerning our own official paper, *The Northwestern Christian Advocate*, your Committee can speak in terms of hearty commendation. It is ably edited, alive to all current issues, abreast of the times, leading public opinion in religious and moral reforms, fearless in rebuking sin, bold in combatting great public wrongs, whether in Church or State, striking Titan blows for temperance, pointing out the insidious and dangerous advance of that wily hierarchy that has her seat across the sea, giving intelligence of the progress of the kingdom in all lands, true to the Church

in all her work North and South, and of such general influence upon the political, social and moral questions of the day, which reach far beyond the bounds of any church, as to command the attention and elicit the respect of the secular press.

Our *Michigan Advocate* meets a felt want in two respects,—it gives local news and presents the needs of the Church in various portions of the State as no paper of a more general character could do, and its cheapness brings it within the reach of some who could not afford a more expensive paper. It is doing a good work, but it should not displace the official paper in the homes either of our official members or of those who are too penurious to pay the additional dollar which the official paper costs. About 2,900 copies of this paper circulates in Detroit conference.

The Golden Hours is increasing in interest to the children, and adjusting itself more and more to their wants. It has sharp competition; some of the best talent of our land is to-day employed on children's magazines. It should employ the best talent the Church has for that work. But to enable it to do that it should receive a much more general and cordial support from the Church. Its entire circulation as stated in the report of the Book Committee is 6,750 copies in the West, and 1,350 in the East. The Committee say that unless it receives better support it must be discontinued after another year. Its circulation in our State is only 130 copies, about one-half of which are in the Detroit conference.

The Quarterly retains the same general character and those particular features of excellence for which it has been so justly esteemed in the past. Your Committee are disposed to think that the Conference will share their surprise when the statement is made that among the four hundred traveling preachers of Michigan, more or less, only seventy-four copies are taken, as given in report of Western Agent; this number being divided about equally between the two conferences. Thirty-seven *Quarterlies* taken by the Detroit Conference! Its entire circulation is 6,580 copies, which is an increase of twenty-five per cent. during the year.

We are gratified at the success of the *National Repository* during the past year in meeting the demand for a general literary magazine. The efforts of the publishers to increase its circulation by offering it for the last half of the year for a single dollar, is most commendable, and should have enlisted the hearty co-operation of every preacher in the conference. Its circulation in Michigan is 302 copies, about one-half of which are in this conference. Its entire circulation is 13,500 copies in the West, and 9,500 in the East, which is nearly 50 per cent. above its predecessor. Yet this does not meet the expectation of its friends nor the expense of publication. We are certain that we express the general feeling of the Church when we say that it is much to be regretted that a different policy in the offering of premiums should have been adopted by the agents of the two concerns. The result has been in our State to push out the paper to which our territory legitimately belongs, and to which as a conference, we owe special support. No doubt a sufficient justification of the course the Eastern house pursued, is found in the fierce competition of a certain New York paper

which made strenuous efforts to secure the patronage of the Methodist Church. But if the premium system is adopted, for any cause, by one concern, it should be by both, and the same premium should be given with all the official papers. The result of this would be to keep out non-church papers, and to put the circulation of our own upon their merits alone.

The entire circulation of the *Northwestern* in the State for the past year has been 1,889; about one-half of this number in this conference.

The circulation of the *Christian Advocate* in the State is 1,828.

[This suggests to your Committee to express the hope the time is not far distant when some one of our official papers, say the *Christian Advocate*, shall in a great measure lose its local character, increase its size, add to its editorial force, multiply its departments and become the great connectional paper of the denomination, lifted above all competition with the local papers of our own Church, as well as with everything published outside of it. To this paper should be remanded chiefly the discussions of church polity, the relations of science and religion, questions of political and social economy, the reports in detail of our missionary and other societies, and such other topics as interest only the ministry and the laymen of intelligence and leisure, but which are of little or no interest to the great mass of the membership. Then the local papers might be reduced both in size and price, and instead of seeking to meet the wants of all classes, should be published simply in the interest of the membership at large.] * [See note p. 9½.]

NOTE.—This passage concerning a “metropolitan paper” was not approved by the Conference. Sec. 7.

It is expected in a conference report on periodicals that the committee who probably have never given the subject any thought before sitting down to write their hasty report, should give the gray-haired men who have been conducting our vast publishing interests for a score of years, some very sound advice, and suggest some very wise plans of which they never before had the remotest thought. So this last is our folly.

In concluding our report we desire to call attention to the very great service rendered to the cause of Christ and to our own Church through the book depository of J. M. Arnold & Co., now Arnold & Willyoung. A very large and well assorted stock of theological and Sunday School books is always found upon their shelves, besides works in nearly all departments of literature and science. In bringing within the reach of Sunday School superintendents and ministers the most valuable books for each class, and affording an opportunity for a personal examination, and even following them to conference with great trunks full of books, Brother Arnold has rendered a service in promoting the piety and intelligence of the ministry, and in the supply of the Sunday Schools of the State with good reading, which is worthy our highest commendation, and which entitles him to our most generous support.

W. W. WASHBURN, *Chairman.*

E. E. CASTER.

J. A. McILWAIN.

[C.]

THE NEWARK CHURCH.

Upon careful examination your committee find that several years since a church was erected in the “Lapeer Circuit,” known as the “Newark

Church," and dedicated free of indebtedness. Subsequently a dissatisfaction arose concerning changes in circuit relations, and an attempt was made to alienate the property. A fictitious financial claim was made against it, which was secured by a mortgage executed by a part of the Board of Trustees and the mortgagee by some means obtained possession of the building, but was afterwards enjoined by the Circuit Court. The Society, feeling unable to defray the expenses of the suit, had referred the case to the Annual Conference, which, after due deliberation, seeing that if the action of this Board was legal, all our church property was in jeopardy, liable at any time, and on the slightest pretext, to be alienated, resolved to prosecute it till a decree should be obtained. A committee, consisting of Revs. A. R. Bartlett, F. A. Blades and others, was appointed, with instructions accordingly, who, in behalf of the Conference, employed S. P. Gaskill, Esq., of Lapeer, and Hon. Wm. Newton, of Flint, as Counsel. After several years of litigation a decree has been obtained in Chancery in favor of the church. Of course the regular costs follow the suit, but, as a Conference, we are expected to pay our attorney's fees. Mr. Gaskill has sent in an itemized account for services rendered of.....\$304 75

Receipts to offset..... 150 00

Due Gaskill.....\$154 75

Newton's bill is.....\$150 00

Receipts..... 50 00

Due Newton.....\$100 00

Total attorney's fees due Newton and Gaskill.....\$254 75

Your committee deem these charges, compared with attorney's fees generally, quite reasonable.

Mr. Gaskill has advanced on costs, which is expected to be recovered..... \$32 75

This will reduce the amount to.....\$222 00

It is thought also our attorney's fee may be recovered of..... 30 00

Leaving to be raised by the Conference.....\$192 00

The property is supposed to be worth \$500.00; but there is no immediate sale for it that can be relied upon, and the attorneys will insist upon having their pay soon. We therefore recommend 1st. That \$192 be raised in the Conference and paid the attorneys pro rata with their claims, and that they be asked to wait for the balance till it can be collected, with the costs of suit. 2d. That the property be sold when it will bring \$500, and the Conference be reimbursed for what we have contributed, and the

balance be applied towards the liquidation of the church debt at Lapeer City, or used for such other church purposes as Trustees of said church may direct. We also recommend the passage of the following preamble and resolution :

WHEREAS, Other attorneys may present bills for services rendered in this case, therefore

Resolved, That Rev. A. R. Bartlett, R. T. Walker, Esq., and Capt. A. H. Piper be appointed a committee to examine and audit such accounts should they be presented.

2. That the committee be authorized to raise the funds due said attorneys by loan till the property can be sold and they reimbursed.

W. E. BIGELOW, *Ch'n.*

[D.]

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY—BALANCE SHEET.

DR.		CR.	
To Cash from Detroit District...	\$2,481 52	By Cash paid Hitchcock & Wal-	
" " Adrian District...	1,828 36	den.....	\$6,830 20
" " Flint District.....	1,467 66	" Vouchers from Hitchcock &	
" " Pt. Huron Dist'ct	717 48	Walden.....	98 40
" " Saginaw District..	811 41	" Vouchers from R. Nelson...	914 30
" " L. Superior Dist.	484 86	" Cash paid J. M. Arnold for	
" " Rev. E. H. Brock-		Minutes.....	25 00
way.....	5 00	" Cash forwarded since Con-	
* " " Sources not desig-		ference.....	55 00
gnated.....	160 66	" Vouchers from Dr. Dashiell..	34 05
	\$7,956 95		\$7,956 95
Last year.....	7,100 28		
	\$856 67		

*Some reports were handed in, which designated neither the charge or Pastor. Such charges will not have received credit in the report though the amount is embraced in the statistics.

DAVID CASLER, *Treasurer.*

[E.]

SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH.

The Christian Sabbath, like all Divine institutions, designs the moral, intellectual and physical well-being of the race; avowedly "made for man," experience has proved its observance to be a great blessing to the family and the nation, The Sabbath lies at the base of civil and religious liberty—of all national power, for numbers nor wealth make a people great, but as their moral state is, so is their strength. All history verifies the assertion that national degradation and national servitude are indissolubly

joined together, and ever producing anarchy or despotism. England and France, Scotland and Spain, the United States and Mexico, nay, but the United States and all the nations of the continent of Europe speak in thunder tones, that as this beneficent law of God is obeyed, so are a people's intelligence, freedom and happiness. "A corruption of morals usually follows a profanation of the Sabbath," said Blackstone, and with the corruption of morals comes the shadow of death to a people's homes and liberties. The infidel seeks the desecration of the Sabbath because he hates religion, caring not for the irreparable loss to his fellow-men. And the despots of to-day seek, as the Jameses and Charleses, of England, sought through the same means, to obtain absolute power. But all who obey the Divine Law will respect their own rights and have regard to the rights of all others, and he who has been physically refreshed by the rest, and morally braced by the instructions of the Sabbath, will go to the work of the week "rejoicing as a strong man to run a race," and of such is a nation made that can never be subdued.

JOHN KELLY, *Ch'n.*

[F.]

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The committee come with findings most favorable to the Society. It seems to us that words can hardly be made to overstate its value. Organized to meet a pressing and widely felt want of the church, it has gone forward with its work efficiently and nobly. The many churches relieved of embarrassing debt in various parts of the country, and the many more that have come into existence in the south and far west through its agency, are its monuments and witnesses, commending it and its chief workers to the esteem and love of the friends of Christ. Therefore

Resolved, That we will continue to commend it to our people everywhere, and work in accordance with the plans of the Society to promote its worthy ends.

Respectfully,

T. J. JOSLIN, *Ch'n.*

[G.]

MISSION AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your committee have had under careful investigation the vouchers and accounts of the several Presiding Elders and preachers of the several Districts of the Detroit Conference, and in auditing the same we find them correct.

H. N. BROWN, *Ch'n.*

[II.]

TEMPERANCE.

Our Conference was last year congratulated on the great advance in the temperance work of the State. We may be equally congratulated this year on the enlargement of its scope and correctness of its ideas. Indeed we may claim there is not a village or hamlet in the State which does not pretend to some kind of temperance organization and many of them are most effective not only in saving from the ravages of intemperance but also in bringing these castaways into the fold of Christ. Yet the work is largely in a formative state and will be molded either by good or bad influences. Alienation of the church and christian people from this phase of the reform will of necessity be fatal to many favorable opportunities.

Therefore we must earnestly recommend the thoughtful and prayerful attention of the ministry and laity of the Church to this work, hoping they may have grace and knowledge vouchsafed to them to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. We extend to the reform movement, the W. C. T. U. and all kindred societies our hearty greeting hoping they may be speedily freed from local blunders and imperfections. Although we most heartily endorse all moral suasion in the cause of temperance, still we believe intemperance to be a crime and all who aid and abet in drunkard making to be guilty of high misdemeanor and crime, and therefore subjects over whom government alike legislative judicial and executive has legal jurisdiction. We believe municipal law to be a rule of action prescribed by the highest power of the State commending what is right and prohibiting what is wrong. We believe its authority extends to all social and political good and evil, and as the traffic in spirituous liquors as a beverage is an unmitigated evil, therefore we believe the highest power of the State is in duty bound to prohibit it. We believe the highest power of our government to be in the citizens as sovereigns, therefore we trust all law abiding and virtue loving citizens will exercise this right and duty of legally prohibiting the liquor traffic.

As ministers of the gospel and all professed followers of Christ, together with other moral reformers have a leading interest for good, we call on them to use all the lawful means to rescue the perishing and warn those in danger from this monster evil. And as they will be obliged to reason of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come we would most affectionately call their attention to their own lives, lest they should be found doing those things which they condemn in others. In this connection we beseech all our brethren to consider the question of the propriety of the use of tobacco by those who have been cleansed in the precious blood of Christ and are made partakers of his righteousness. D. R. SHIER, *Chairman*.

[I.]

PARSONAGES.

Our statistics show that there are 64 charges which have no parsonages. As a rule all who are compelled to occupy rented houses are like-

wise practically compelled to pay their own rentals; those charges furnish-
ing no parsonages paying no more than those which have them. Putting
these rentals at an average sum of \$100 per year, we are paying out each
year \$6,400 for the privilege of home and shelter, which does not enrich
our charges but tends to impoverish us. We cannot well afford this, nor
can our charges afford it. Therefore

Resolved: That practical economy demands that we make an earnest
effort to induce our people to secure for their pastors suitable homes which
shall be owned and controlled by the church for such purpose.

W. HAGADORN, *Ch'n.*

[J.]

CONFERENCE TREASURER.

The Conference Treasurer reports receipts as follows:

	CASH.	VOUCHERS.	TOTAL.
Missionary, Foreign.....	\$6,830 20	\$1,046 75	\$7,876 95
Education.....	88 43	25 00	113 43
Bishop's Claim.....	368 42	173 36	541 78
S. S. Union.....	142 39	38 50	180 89
Church Extension.....	546 75	128 80	675 55
Tracts.....	110 44	47 00	157 44
Bible Cause.....	51 37	66 71	118 08
W. Foreign Miss.....	48 05	173 11	221 16
Freedman's Aid.....	418 86	310 76	729 62
Conference Claimants.....	1,473 63		1,473 63

Grand total.....\$12,088 53

The above is the report made by the Treasurer of the Detroit Confer-
ence to the Conference.

D. CASLER, *Treasurer.*

SEPT. 16th, 1876.

[K.]

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee is happy to report that the interest which the church
has shown in the Sabbath school work in the past has not only been kept
up but increased. We have to-day a greater number of better trained offi-
cers and teachers than ever before. We have a larger number of good
books and good papers in the hands of the children than ever. The Sab-
bath school is undoubtedly the greatest and grandest religious movement
of the nineteenth century. Its influences are extending everywhere, its

power is felt among all classes of our communities. It has enlisted in its service the brightest minds and warmest hearts found among christian people. It has entered alike the palace and the hovel, the avenue and the lane. Its songs of praise are heard in almost every household, and its fruits are to be discovered in every church. We are learning to obey the great command which Christ gave us so long ago, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not." Like its great Master and Head, the church is gathering the children up in its arms and placing them in the midst. This day has been long coming, but we are devoutly thankful that it is here, and that we are permitted to take part in this wonderful work. Your committee would call special attention to our Sabbath school papers. No better periodicals for the young can be found, and as the children are exposed to great danger through the pernicious literature of the day, it behooves us to be constantly upon our guard. There can be no more efficient means of protection used than the one already given us by our great publishing house in its periodicals for the children.

Your committee would recommend a more thorough and systematic distribution of tracts and Sabbath school literature among the people. We would also recommend the formation of normal classes in all our charges. There is within the bounds of the Conference an association called the Sunday School Association of Eastern Michigan, which has done and is doing a good work. It is undenominational in its character. At a meeting of this association, held at Orion August 7th, 1878, a committee was appointed to ascertain the sentiment of Sunday school workers in the vicinity with authority, if warranted by apparent interest, to call a congress for the summer of 1879. Your committee, from personal knowledge and from facts which it has been able to gather, looks with great favor upon this enterprise, and would submit for your consideration the following resolution:

Resolved, That we recommend the holding of the proposed Sunday school congress at Orion, some time during the summer of 1879, provided it can be done without financial embarrassment.

C. T. ALLEN, *Ch'n.*

[M.]

MEMOIRS.

WM. P. MAYWOOD.

Wm. P. Maywood was born in Hull, Canada East, on the 6th of March, 1842. He afterward removed with his parents to Canada West. He was converted in his twenty-first year, and joined the Wesleyan Methodist church. The same year of his conversion he was licensed to preach,

and the following year was recommended for admission to the Wesleyan Conference. He was appointed successively to Paisley, Chatham and Kingsville circuits. At the end of his second year he married Miss Martha Jane Wigle. He removed to Michigan and was admitted to the Detroit Conference in 1870. His first appointment was at Memphis, where he remained three years. His next field of labor was Au Sable, where he also remained three years. From thence he removed to Caro. During his second year there, he was attacked suddenly with hemorrhage of the lungs, and was greatly prostrated. At the next Conference he was placed on the superannuated list. Hoping to be benefitted by the mountain air, he went to Denver, Colorado, and for a time hoped that he might regain his health. His hopes were not realized. On the 17th of Nov., 1877, he passed to his reward. He was a faithful, successful and much loved pastor.

P. L. SPARROW.

Peter L. Sparrow was born in Canada in 1833. He joined the Detroit Conference in 1875. After two years of labor with us he asked for a superannuated relation, and during the last summer died. We are informed that his wife also died during the summer. Bro. Sparrow left no children. Your committee have been unable to obtain further facts respecting his life and death.

MRS. WM. E. BIGELOW.

Sister Bigelow's maiden name was Daphne Florence Mattison. She was a daughter of the late Rev. Seth Mattison, of the Genesee Conference. She was born in Scipio, N. Y., Oct. 10, 1824. She experienced religion when young, in a meeting held by her father, and joined the Methodist Episcopal church, of which she lived a faithful member till death. Her parents died when she was young. Soon after her father's death she came to Michigan. When she was twenty years of age she was united in marriage with Rev. Wm. E. Bigelow. She enjoyed the itinerancy, entered heartily into its responsibilities, endured cheerfully its shadows, and discharged faithfully her duties as a christian and a helpmeet for her husband. She was particularly successful in Sunday school work, manifesting much enterprise and skill in preparing children for Sunday school concerts. Her last work on earth was preparing a class for a Sunday school concert, drilling them while lying upon a sofa, when unable to sit up. Her sickness was long and painful, but ceased on the 3d of May, 1878, when she entered into rest. She was buried at Flint, leaving a blank in a hospitable and happy home.

[N.]

EDUCATION.

Your committee, having had under careful consideration the subject of education, respectfully submit the following resolutions: 1. That as citizens and christians we acknowledge with great pleasure the improving condition and increasing prosperity of our public schools. 2. That we receive with unusual gratification the assurances given us of the flourishing condition and brightening prospects of Albion College. 3. That the membership and ministry of our church make a more liberal and perfect consecration of their wealth and energy for the attainment and use of the highest intellectual power in the service of Christ.

No report from the Northwestern University has come into the hands of the committee. The committee appointed by the Conference last year to consider the proposition from Alumna Association of Albion College, has made no report. The resolution adopted already by the Conference in regard to this proposition and referred to your committee, is returned for reconsideration. See resolution.

The term of Rev. S. Reed and A. J. Bigelow, as trustees of Albion College, expires this year. Your committee recommend Rev. Andrew J. Bigelow and Henry C. Northrop for election by the Conference to that office. Your committee recommend as members of the Board of Visitors and Examiners, L. P. Davis, R. Woodhams, C. T. Allen. Your committee also recommend that the Financial Exhibit given in the Report of the Trustees of Albion College be published in the Minutes of the Conference in connection with this report.

J. C. WORTLEY, *Ch'n.*

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT BY TRUSTEES OF ALBION COLLEGE.

INCOME FOR THE YEAR.

College receipts.....	\$2,840 51
Interest Endowment Fund Comm.....	9,500 00
Interest Local Board.....	2,596 18
Detroit Centenary Notes—D. Preston.....	154 47
Detroit Conference Library.....	62 50
Michigan Conference Centenary Notes.....	645 21
Rent—Pres. house, \$200; Fitch house, \$69.....	269 00
Hay, sales of.....	10 00
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	\$16,077 87

EXPENSE.

Current Expenses.....	\$ 621 36
Repairs and Improvements.....	625 31
Reading Room.....	146 05
Library.....	62 50
Interest.....	179 78
Wood, Oil, etc.....	444 70
Laboratory.....	29 65
Teaching.....	10,152 74
Insurance.....	215 00
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	\$12,477 09

ASSETS.

Bonds, Mortgages, Notes—J. Owen.....	\$140,000 00
Local Board Control—J. W. Sheldon.....	25,000 00
Detroit Conference Centenary Notes—D. Preston.....	3,133 00
Michigan Conference Centenary Notes.....	16,082 23
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In Treasurer's hands.....	\$184,215 23

REAL ESTATE.

College Property—Buildings, Furniture, Apparatus, etc.....	\$50,000 00
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LIABILITIES.

Funded Debt.....	\$12,000 00
Bills Payable.....	5,000 00
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	\$17,000 00

The value of the real estate can only be estimated. It will be observed that the amount given above is considerably less than heretofore reported. This is not because the property has suffered injury, but as the cash value of all buildings and real estate has depreciated largely during the past five or six years, we make this statement conform as nearly as possible to the facts of the case.

The Centenary notes of the Detroit and Michigan Conferences amount to \$19,215.23. Much of this paper is worthless, and it is not probable that more than \$2,000, or at the outside, \$3,000, can be realized from it. We are glad to report that the income of the college the past year has been somewhat in excess of the expenses justly chargeable to the same. We are consulting economy so far as the development of the institution will allow. Increased facilities for instruction are needed, and we are provid-

ing them as rapidly as the means at our command will justify. More money could be saved by abandoning the work of development, but the institution would thus cease to be a college, and would soon die. Its success depends upon its educational advantages.

[O.]

FREEDMEN.

Your Committee could say much in favor of the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but it would be but a repetition in substance of what has been said in former reports, and also ably presented by the agents of the society who have visited the sessions of our conference from year to year. We will therefore forego the repetition of these things, and simply lay before you a few statistical facts for the government of the members of the conference in presenting the claims of their society to our people.

The report of the Executive Committee of the Society for 1878, shows that the Society has now under its care and control, 10 chartered colleges, and 13 institutions of learning that are not chartered. The total number of pupils receiving instruction in these schools is 3,170. It would be difficult to estimate the amount of permanent good that will accrue to the class this society aims to reach, from the teachings and influence of those who are being educated and trained in the doctrines of Christianity and principles of Methodism. A grand army of ministers and teachers who will be an honor to the cause of Christ and the Methodist Church is thus being raised up to go out and win their race to Christ and teach them the way to heaven by precept and example. The work that the Society is now doing is but a fraction of what might be done but for the want of means. In 1877, in 84 conferences numbering 9,297 charges, only 5,573 charges took collections for the Freedmen, less than two-thirds. This fact involves neglect somewhere. The total amount contributed for this object within the bounds of our Conference last year was \$799.95, a gratifying increase of \$311.16 over the previous year.

The Board of Managers of the Society at Cincinnati, have fixed upon \$75,000, as the amount necessary to carry on their work for the ensuing year. Of this amount \$1,500 is apportioned to the Detroit Conference to be raised the coming year. This is less than 6 cents per member, and ought to be easily raised. Your committee recommend that the above amount asked for by the Board, from this conference, be apportioned to the District and charges of the conference upon the same basis as the missionary and other benevolent collections. We believe it can be raised if every pastor will properly present the subject to his people. Fidelity to the master and to our ordination vows demand this of us. Let us do it.

H. W. HICKS, *Chairman.*

[P.]

THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The Bible is the Book of Books, the only Book which has no history outside of its own hallowed pages ; the oldest history known to the science of Archæology, which begins its narrative with the dawn of time, and records upon its first page, the building and architecture of the earth and the heavens. The Bible is the only Book which rationally unfolds the existence, attributes, and character of God, and lays open the origin, nature, duties, and destiny of humanity. The Bible is the only Book which is so fully adapted to our wants, as to treat of every subject which concerns humanity, of body and mind, sickness and health, poverty and wealth, honor and dishonor, all relations and their obligations, joy and sorrow, life and death, time and eternity, not overlooking one conceivable interest. The Bible is the only Book which is so replete with religious truth, as not to omit one doctrine, one moral sentiment, one moral obligation or duty, to be named by the wisest of men, as an improvement to be added. The Bible is the Book which has done, and is doing more to enlighten, to benefit, to reform and elevate mankind, than all other books that were ever written.

If the Bible is not true, is not divine, is not a revelation from God, it was the greatest lie that was ever told, and the most deceptive guide that was ever put into the hands of men, and yet it contains more religious truth, and teaches a more pure morality, and guides its adherents more safely, and exerts a stronger moralizing influence, than any other, and all other books the world has ever known. Some of us have made the Bible our life-long study, and the more we have studied it, the more have we been impressed with its claims, its truths, its beauty, its sublimity, its grandeur, and the eternal interests which it unfolds. We receive and trust the Bible as the word of God, and as such, we recommend it to all. We claim for it, such a respectful, reverential, and uncaviling hearing, as is due when Jehovah speaks. We seek to inaugurate it as the world's great teacher, and universal Law Book, and claim for it supreme authority in Church and State, over all thrones and executive chairs, in all legislative halls and on every Bench of Justice. We claim for it universal and supreme jurisdiction, and affirm its right to be heard everywhere, and deny that it can be rightfully excluded from any place, where accountable moral agents find a field of action. When the authority of the Bible shall be universally admitted, and all hearts shall respond to its sway, then, and not before, do we expect moral order and harmony will be restored to this revolted, disordered province of God's moral universe. For this we labor, for this we pray, and in this faith we trust in life, and hope in death, feeling assured, whether we live or die, the spheres are rolling round, bringing nearer and nearer, the long fore-told day, when the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea, and times golden age shall spread its light, and glory, and peace, and joy over the entire face of this ransomed world. In furtherance of this faith and hope, we reaffirm our confidence in the American Bible Society, and rejoice in the great and glorious work it is doing ; and renew our pledge to give it our influence and support ; all of which respectfully submitted.

LUTHER LEE.

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STEWARDS' REPORT.

DETROIT DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICITS.
DISTRICT	J. M. Fuller, P. E.....	\$1,800 00	\$1 600 00	\$200 00
Detroit—Central Church...	W. X. Ninde	3,000 00	3,000 00	.....
Simpson	W. W. Washburn.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....
Tabernacle	C. T. Allen.....	1,700 00	1,700 00	.....
Jefferson Avenue.....	R. S. Pardington.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....
Sixteenth Street.....	J. Russell.....	900 00	900 00	.....
Fort Street.....	W. Q. Burnett.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....
Wayne.....	H. O. Parker.....	950 00	950 00	.....
Howell.....	J. Kilpatrick.....	1,025 00	1,025 00	.....
Brighton	D. J. Odell.....	675 00	654 00	21 00
Stockbridge.....	J. H. Morton.....	837 00	773 00	64 00
Ypsilanti.....	O. J. Perrin.....	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....
Williamston.....	N. W. Pierce.....	950 00	900 00	50 00
Belleville.....	W. J. Clark.....	850 00	675 00	175 00
Flat Rock.....	A. W. Wilson.....	800 00	700 00	100 00
Salem.....	S. Clements.....	650 00	487 00	163 00
Wyandotte.....	E. Barry.....	800 00	471 00	329 00
Birmingham.....	J. B. Atchinson.....	900 00	900 00	.....
Whitmore Lake.....	J. C. Higgins.....	900 00	900 00	.....
Leroy.....	H. Hodgkiss.....	.....	.....	.....
Farmington.....	S. E. Warren.....	800 00	775 00	25 00
Trenton	H. N. Brown.....	900 00	650 00	250 00
Plymouth	L. P. Davis	1,000 00	842 00	158 00
South Lyon.....	F. Bradley.....	800 00	800 00	.....
Iosco	L. L. Houghton.....	700 00	587 00	113 00
Denton.....	L. C. York.....	800 00	744 00	56 00
Northville.....	J. E. Jacklin.....	800 00	800 00	.....
Unadilla.....	B. F. Pritchard.....	850 00	850 00	.....
Royal Oak.....	G. W. Owen.....	.....	.....	.....
Commerce.....	A. S. Fair.....	650 00	650 00	.....
Fowlerville	F. W. Warren.....	900 00	607 00	293 00
Pinckney.....	C. W. Austin.....	900 00	600 00	300 00
Dansville.....	W. Hagadorn.....	800 00	600 00	200 00
Walled Lake.....	J. H. Caster.....	711 00	711 00	.....
Southfield.....	J. G. Morgan.....	725 00	725 00	.....
Dearborn.....	J. M. Truscott.....	700 00	662 00	28 00
New Boston.....	A. F. Hoyt.....	700 00	518 00	182 00
Leesville.....	J. H. Kilpatrick.....	.....	.....	.....
Warren.....	R. Bird.....	.....	.....	.....

ADRIAN DISTRICT.

CHARGES:	NAMES.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICITS.
DISTRICT	W. H. Shier, P. E.....	\$1,650 00	\$1,575 00	\$75 00
Adrian.....	R. Hudson.....	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....
Grass Lake.....	J. McIlwain.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....
Chelsea.....	D. R. Shier.....	800 00	800 00	.....
Deerfield.....	C. L. Church.....	600 00	575 00	25 00
Morenci.....	J. M. Gordon.....	940 00	940 00	.....
Franklin.....	W. M. Triggs.....	700 00	620 00	80 00
Blissfield.....	E. W. Frazee.....	800 00	800 00	.....
Dexter and Lima.....	J. C. Wortley.....	1,200 00	1,050 00	150 00
Saline.....	O. Whitmore.....	00 00	900 00	.....
Angusta.....	James E. Diverty.....	.....	.....	.....
Milan.....	E. P. Peirce	700 00	650 00	50 00
Medina.....	J. T. Hankinson.....	740 00	560 00	180 00

ADRIAN DISTRICT—Continued.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICITS
Clinton	J. L. Hudson.....	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00	\$
Dundee.....	D. W. Misener.....	750 00	750 00	.....
Hudson.....	J. Frazer.....	1,050 00	1,050 00	.....
Clayton.....	J. M. VanEvery.....	800 00	552 00	248 00
Fairfield.....	J. B. Russell.....	900 00	900 00	.....
Henrietta.....	H. Palmer.....	.....	.....	.....
Waterloo.....	G. Stowe.....	700 00	528 00	162 00
Lambertville.....	J. A. Dunlap.....	.....	.....	.....
Dixboro.....	J. S. Sutton.....	600 00	554 00	46 00
Ridgeway.....	A. B. Wood.....	930 00	930 00	.....
Manchester.....	W. E. Dunning.....	1,050 00	1,050 00	.....
Tecumseh.....	A. J. Bigelow.....	1,050 00	1,050 00	.....
Brooklyn.....	W. H. Allman.....	350 00	277 00	73 00
Carlton.....	J. M. Kerridge.....	600 00	600 00	.....
Sharon.....	S. B. Kimmell.....	.....	.....	.....
Ann Arbor.....	R. B. Pope.....	2,100 00	2,100 00	.....
Napoleon.....	T. Nichols.....	800 00	800 00	109 00
Addison.....	J. S. Priestly.....	900 00	900 00	.....
Monroe.....	D. Casler.....	950 00	950 00	.....

FLINT DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICITS.
DISTRICT.....	A. F. Bourns.....	\$1,400 00	\$1,360 00	\$ 40 00
Flint—Court Street.....	W. H. Pearce.....	1,800 00	1,800 00	.....
Garland Street.....	G. W. Lowe.....	1,300 00	1,300 00	.....
Hazelton.....	D. M. Ward.....	600 00	535 00	65 00
Davisburg.....	W. H. Benton.....	850 00	850 00	.....
Grand Blanc.....	J. Hamilton.....	850 00	850 00	.....
Flushing.....	W. Taylor.....	900 00	811 00	89 00
Mt. Morris.....	J. B. Goss.....	850 00	820 00	30 00
Oxford.....	J. F. Davidson.....	1,000 00	950 00	50 00
Utica.....	R. Gage.....	844 00	844 00	.....
Orion.....	D. Whitely.....	860 00	860 00	.....
Hadley.....	H. W. Wright.....	700 00	565 00	135 00
Goodrich.....	E. Steer.....	800 00	700 00	100 00
Highland.....	S. L. Ramsdell.....	700 00	670 00	30 00
Vernon.....	J. G. Whitcomb.....	910 00	838 00	72 00
Otisville.....	A. G. Blood.....	.....	.....	.....
Swartz Creek.....	T. Seeley.....	700 00	700 00	.....
Perry.....	J. Wesley.....	800 00	720 00	80 00
Holly.....	W. C. Way.....	800 00	800 00	.....
Troy.....	W. Tuttle.....	600 00	547 00	53 00
Oak Grove.....	W. Birdsall.....	750 00	750 00	.....
Gaines.....	R. C. Lanning.....	700 00	600 00	100 00
Brandon.....	B. H. Hedger.....	825 00	825 00	.....
Linden.....	O. Sanborn.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....
Woodhull.....	J. E. Withey.....	515 00	501 00	14 00
Clarkston.....	S. E. York.....	775 00	625 00	150 00
Conway.....	D. W. Giberson.....	500 00	470 00	30 00
Byron.....	L. S. Tedman.....	750 00	750 00	.....
Milford.....	T. J. Joslin.....	1,100 00	1,100 00	.....
Davison.....	J. Balls.....	650 00	628 00	22 00
Pontiac.....	T. Stalker.....	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....
Fenton.....	T. Potter.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....
Lapeer.....	W. E. Bigelow.....	.....	.....	.....

SAGINAW DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICITS.
DISTRICT	A. R. Bartlett.....	\$1,600 00	\$1,400 00	\$ 200 00
East Saginaw—Jefferson St.	E. E. Caster.....	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....
Hess Street	J. O. Bancroft.....	900 00	900 00	.....
Sag. City—Washington Ave	S. Reed.....	1,332 00	1,332 00	.....
Ames Chapel.....	O. W. Willits.....	600 00	600 00	.....
Bay City—Washington St..	J. Venning.....	1,700 00	1,700 00	.....
Fremont Avenue.....	J. S. Smart.....	1,150 00	1,150 00	.....
Woodside Avenue.....	Calvin Gibbs.....	800 00	800 00	.....
West Bay City.....	Wm. Dawe.....	1,020 00	1,020 00	.....
Tawas City.....	E. B. Bancroft.....	557 00	557 00	.....
East Tawas.....	T. H. Baskerville.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....
Oscoda.....	I. H. Riddick.....	.....	.....	.....
Harrisville.....	N. N. Clark.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....
Alpena.....	H. C. Northrup.....	1,250 00	1,119 00	131 00
Caseville.....	A. R. Laing.....	700 00	640 00	60 00
Tittabawassee.....	N. Newton.....	790 00	501 00	189 00
Ingersoll.....	O. B. Hale.....	.....	.....	.....
Midland City.....	W. H. Osborne.....	500 00	400 00	100 00
Hope.....	A. Crane.....	450 00	300 00	150 00
St. Charles.....	A. B. Clough.....	700 00	.....	.....
Chessaning.....	J. H. McIntosh.....	850 00	675 00	175 00
West Haven.....	J. W. Crippen.....	550 00	550 00	.....
Corunna.....	H. W. Hicks.....	750 00	750 00	.....
Mungerville.....	H. H. Smith.....	500 00	420 00	80 00
Bennington.....	F. Strong.....	700 00	700 00	.....
Laingsburgh.....	G. M. Lyon.....	.....	.....	.....
Reese.....	J. H. Curnalia.....	650 00	228 00	422 00
Vassar.....	R. Woodhams.....	900 00	660 00	240 00
Tuscola.....	L. N. Moon.....	500 00	500 00	.....
Millington.....	R. L. Cope.....	666 00	626 00	40 00
Mayville.....	P. J. Wright.....	.....	.....	.....
Cass City.....	J. G. Sparling.....	700 00	570 00	130 00
Caro.....	J. W. Campbell.....	800 00	800 00	.....
Watrousville.....	E. Foster.....	950 00	950 00	.....
Akron.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Unionville.....	F. E. Pearce.....	650 00	475 00	175 00
Bayport.....	D. C. Challis.....	.....	.....	.....
Alpena Mission.....	G. J. Schweinfurth.....	.....	.....	.....
Presque Isle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Saganing Indian Missions—	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pinconning.....	— McGee .....	.....	200 00	.....
Rifle River.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

PORT HURON DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICITS.
DISTRICT	I. N. Elwood.....	\$1,570 00	\$1,475 00	\$ 145 00
Port Huron.....	Win. Fox.....	1,300 00	1,300 00	.....
Fort Gratiot.....	J. F. Berry.....	800 00	800 00	.....
St. Clair.....	W. J. Campbell.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....
Washington.....	C. Simpson.....	900 00	870 00	30 00
Attica.....	E. E. Pearman.....	669 00	614 00	55 00
Port Sanilac.....	D. McFawn.....	600 00	600 00	.....
Dryden.....	A. R. Hazen.....	775 00	775 00	.....
Mt. Clemens.....	B. S. Taylor.....	800 00	800 00	.....
Lakeport.....	J. B. Oliver.....	555 00	544 00	11 00
Marysville.....	T. C. Higgins.....	575 00	550 00	25 00
Forester.....	J. W. Holt.....	500 00	420 00	80 00

PORT HURON DISTRICT—Continued.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICITS.
Algonac	D. W. Hammond.....	\$ 650 00	550 00	\$ 100 00
New Haven	J. R. Noble.....	740 00	620 00	120 00
Adair.....	M. J. Scott.....			
Romeo.....	J. Kelly.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	
Crosswell.....	W. Preston.....	550 00	350 00	200 00
Lexington.....	L. Barnes.....	800 00	800 00	
Marlette.....	H. Nankervis.....	660 00	660 00	
North Branch.....	S. Bird.....	900 00	900 00	
Deckerville.....	W. Allington.....	540 00	480 00	60 00
Mt. Vernon.....	E. C. Craven.....	650 00	650 00	
Armada.....	C. M. Anderson.....	700 00	620 00	80 00
Brookway.....	F. Coates.....	660 00	660 00	
Minden.....	A. J. Holmes.....	555 00	165 00	390 00
Ruby.....	C. L. Walker.....	650 00	620 00	30 00
Chesterfield.....	A. Whitcomb.....	450 00	402 00	48 00
Marine City.....	J. S. Joslin.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	
Speaker.....	P. DeJardines.....	300 00	241 00	59 00
Sanilac Mission.....	J. Andrews.....	300 00	230 00	70 00
Port Hope.....	S. P. Lee.....	800 00	800 00	
Memphis.....	W. M. Campbell.....	700 00	700 00	

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICITS.
DISTRICT.....	A. J. Richards, P. E.....	\$1,400 00	\$1,250 00	\$ 150 00
Ishpeming.....	T. Wilkinson.....	1,300 00	1,300 00	
Hancock.....	D. B. Millar.....	1,080 00	1,080 00	
Marquette.....	H. S. White.....	1,200 00	1,006 00	194 00
Phoenix.....	Isaac Wilcox.....	800 00	800 00	
Negaunee.....	J. E. Whalen.....	1,200 00	1,000 00	200 00
Michigamme.....				
Central and Copper Falls...	Isaac Johnson.....	800 00	800 00	
Houghton.....	J. M. Johnson.....			
Rockland.....	T. G. Omas.....	565 00	565 00	
Lake Linden.....	John Sweet.....			
Republic.....	J. J. Hodge.....	625 00	625 00	
L'Anse.....	G. F. Weeks.....	700 00	540 00	160 00
Sault Ste. Marie.....	S. J. Brown.....	700 00	600 00	100 00
Calumet.....	J. Horton.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	
Escanaba.....	H. W. Thompson.....	800 00	800 00	
		\$10,970 00	\$10,316 00	\$654 00

R. S. PARDINGTON, *Chairman.*

OUR TWENTY-THREE SESSIONS.

NOTE.—The Detroit Conference was set off from the Michigan Conference by the General Conference of 1856.

No.	DATE.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1	September 17, 1856....	Adrian.....	Morris.....	S. Reed.
2	September 2, 1857....	Port Huron.....	Wagh.....	S. Reed.
3	September 8, 1858....	Ypsilanti.....	Baker.....	S. Reed.
4	September 28, 1859....	Pontiac.....	Janes.....	S. Reed.
5	September 26, 1860....	Dexter.....	Morris.....	S. Clements.
6	September 25, 1861....	Detroit.....	Ames.....	S. Clements.
7	September 24, 1862....	Ann Arbor.....	Scott.....	S. Clements.
8	September 16, 1863....	Romeo.....	Simpson.....	S. Clements.
9	September 14, 1864....	Adrian.....	Baker.....	W. H. Perrine.
10	September 13, 1865....	Flint.....	Clark.....	W. H. Perrine.
11	September 5, 1866....	Hudson.....	Ames.....	E. H. Pilcher.
12	September 4, 1867....	Saginaw City.....	Janes.....	E. H. Pilcher.
13	August 26, 1868....	Ann Arbor.....	Ames.....	C. C. Yemans-
14	September 1, 1869....	Detroit.....	Scott.....	A. Edwards.
15	August 24, 1870....	Fenton.....	Clark.....	A. Edwards.
16	September 13, 1871....	Monroe.....	Simpson.....	A. Edwards.
17	September 4, 1872....	East Saginaw.....	Ames.....	A. Edwards.
18	September 3, 1873....	Ypsilanti.....	Wiley.....	A. Edwards.
19	September 2, 1874....	Romeo.....	Simpson.....	A. Edwards.
20	September 1, 1875....	Flint.....	Harris.....	A. Edwards.
21	August 30, 1876....	Detroit.....	Ames.....	A. Edwards.
22	September 5, 1877....	Adrian.....	Foster.....	A. Edwards.
23	September 11, 1878....	Ann Arbor.....	Merrill.....	A. Edwards.

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DETROIT CONFERENCE MEMBERS DECEASED.

NAME.	Age	DIED.		ADMITTED.	
		Place.	Date.	Conference.	Year.
James V. Watson.....	42	Chicago.....	Oct. 17, 1856	Missouri.....	1832
Wellington H. Collins.....	42	Detroit.....	Aug. 11, 1858	Michigan.....	1837
Robert Dubois.....	39	Ann Arbor.....	Feb. 28, 1860	Michigan..	1844
William Mothersill.....	48	Holly.....	Nov. 8, 1852	Michigan ..	1840
Jonathan Blanchard.....	47	Ann Arbor.....	Mar. 22, 1864	Michigan....	1838
Francis L. West.....	25	Chattanooga...	Jan. 5, 1865	Detroit	1861
Giles N. Belknap.....	55	Napoleon.....	Apr. 13, 1866	Michigan. .	1848
Aaron Watkins.....	29	Albany, N. Y..	Mar. 19, 1867	Detroit.....	1863
Joseph Shank.....	49	Fentonville....	Sept. 30, 1867	Oneida.....	1841
Isaac C. Cochrane.....	46	Utica.....	Oct. 25, 1867	Detroit.....	1861
William H. Hevener.....	61	Owosso.....	Oct., 1867	Michigan...	1854
John A. Baughman....	65	Detroit.....	Mar. 1, 1868	Ohio	1823
George Smith.....	59	Ann Arbor.....	May 4, 1868	Ohio.....	1833
William Todd.....	78	Erie Pa.....	May 15, 1869	New York..	1823
James F. Dorey.....	32	Manchester....	Aug. 2, 1869	Detroit....	1862
Ransom R. Richards.....	60	Hudson.....	July 13, 1872	Michigan....	1837
Solomon S. Littlefield.....	43	Detroit.....	Dec. 3, 1872	Michigan....	1854
Elisha Bibbins.....2..	53	Detroit.....	Nov. 22, 1875	Wesleyan...	1841
Addison C. Shaw.....	62	Ypsilanti	Dec. 21, 1875	Michigan ..	1846
James R. Cordon.....	41	Clarkston.....	Apr. 18, 1876	Detroit	1860
Samuel Bibbins.....	81	New Boston...	May 19, 1877	Wesleyan...	.....
Abel W. Harding.....	39	Tecumseh.....	July 1, 1877	Detroit	1869
Isaac Greensky.....	50	.....	Oct., 1876	Detroit	1874
William P. Maywood.....	36	Denver, Col...	Nov. 17, 1877	Wesleyan...	1864
Peter L. Sparrow.....	44	.....	..... 1877	.....	.....

REGISTER.

DETROIT CONFERENCE.

(As modified at adjournment, September 16, 1878.)

NOTE.—At great pains and labor, the Secretary has repeatedly written this Register to make it accurate and strictly alphabetical.

Will all members help to fill *all blanks* and correct all errors? If any names are misspelled, send me a note.

“Div.,” in the Seventh column, indicates the fact that such members fell into the Detroit Conference by the division of 1856.

All who joined the Detroit Conference in full connection had at least two years of prior service as preachers on probation. Those who joined other Conferences may have done very many years of service before coming here.

The sixth column shows time of admission to full membership, *not of reception on trial*. Give your name in full.

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ARTHUR EDWARDS, *Secretary*,
57 Washington St., Chicago.

Number.	NAME.	BORN.		ADMITTED TO FULL CONNECTION.		Came to Detroit Conference.	POST OFFICE.
		Where,	When	Church or Confer'nce.	When		
1	Allen, Alfred.....	Penn.....	1819	Mich.....	1845	Div	Williamston.
2	Allen, Charles T.....	Mich.....	1841	Detroit.....	1870	.....	Detroit.
3	Allington, William.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Deckerville.
4	Anderson, Chas. Miller.....	N. Y.....	1820	Troy.....	1854	1855	Lakeville.
5	Arnold, John Motte.....	N. Y.....	1824	Mich.....	1851	Div	Detroit.
6	Atkinson, John.....	N. Y.....	1840	Genesee.....	1872	1873	Birmingham.
7	Atchinson, John Burch.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1878	Bay City.
8	Austin, Charles Wm.....	N. Y.....	1838	Detroit.....	1866	.....	Bell Branch.
9	Balls, James.....	England.....	1828	Detroit.....	1868	.....	Lakeport.
10	Bancroft, Jno. Orlando.....	Ohio.....	1826	Mich.....	1855	Div	East Saginaw.
11	Barnes, Leemon.....	Canada.....	.....	Detroit.....	1868	.....	Lexington.
12	Barry, Edward.....	Canada.....	1842	Detroit.....	1870	.....	Belleville.
13	Bartlett, Alanson Roots.....	N. Y.....	1827	Mich.....	1853	.....	Bay City.
14	Baskerville, Thomas H.....	N. Y.....	1845	Detroit.....	1873	.....	East Tawas.
15	Bell, Andrew.....	.....	.....	Mich.....	.....	Div	Ann Arbor.
16	Benson, William.....	N. Y.....	1820	Mich.....	1849	Div	Adrian.
17	Benton, Wm. Hart.....	Louisiana.....	1836	Detroit.....	1863	.....	Davisburgh.
18	Berry, Joseph Flint.....	Canada.....	1856	Detroit.....	1876	.....	Fort Gratiot.
19	Bessey, Samuel.....	Vermont.....	1815	Mich.....	1846	Div	Grand Rapids.
20	Bigelow, Andrew Jackson.....	N. Y.....	1832	Detroit.....	1857	.....	Tecumseh.
21	Bigelow, Wm. Enos.....	N. Y.....	1820	Mich.....	1843	Div	East Saginaw.
22	Bird, Robert.....	England.....	1821	Mich.....	1848	Div	White Rock.
23	Bird, Samuel.....	Ireland.....	1820	Detroit.....	1861	.....	Almont.
24	Birdsall, William.....	N. Y.....	1816	Detroit.....	1857	.....	Oak Grove.
25	Blades, Francis Asbury.....	Maryland.....	1821	Mich.....	1846	Div	Detroit.
26	Blood, Alva G.....	Michigan.....	1842	Mich.....	1877	Detroit.
27	Bourns, Alfred Francis.....	Michigan.....	1836	Detroit.....	1863	Flint.

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28	Bradley, Franklin.....	Illinois.....	Detroit.....	1874	South Lyon.
29	Brockway, Edwin H.....	N. Y.....	1825	Detroit.....	1856	Albion.
30	Brown, Henry Newton.....	England.....	1821	Mich.....	1848	Div	Trenton.
31	Brown, Samuel Joshua.....	N. Y.....	1829	Detroit.....	1868	.....	Sault St. Marie.
32	Burnett, Wm. Q.....	England.....	1824	Detroit.....	1858	.....	Detroit.
33	Calkins, Sylvester.....	.....	.....	Mich.....	.....	Div	South Lyon.
34	Camburn, Ira H.....	N. Y.....	1815	Detroit.....	1857	.....	Denton.
35	Campbell, John W.....	N. Y.....	1849	Detroit.....	1875	.....	Corunna.
36	Campbell, Wm. John.....	England.....	1827	Detroit.....	1867	.....	St. Clair.
37	Campbell, Wm. M.....	N. Brun.....	.....	Confer'nal.	1858	1875	North Branch.
38	Casler, David.....	N. Y.....	1840	Detroit.....	1871	.....	Detroit.
39	Caster, Elisha Ezra.....	N. Y.....	1836	Detroit.....	1859	.....	Fenton.
40	Caster, James Harvey.....	N. Y.....	1818	Mich.....	1858	Div	Walled Lake.
41	Challis, Dewitt C.....	N. Y.....	1845	Detroit.....	1877	.....	Bayport.
42	Church, Charles Lewis.....	Penn.....	1838	Detroit.....	1863	.....	Goodrich.
43	Clack, Wm. J.....	England.....	1834	Detroit.....	1862	.....	Unadilla.
44	Clark, Nathan N.....	Maine.....	1841	Detroit.....	1874	.....	Harrisville.
45	Clements, Samuel.....	N. Y.....	1817	Mich.....	1851	Div	Ann Arbor.
46	Clough, Albert B.....	Michigan.....	1837	Detroit.....	1867	.....	St. Charles.
47	Coates, Frederick.....	.....	.....	Detroit.....	1876	.....	Lakeport.
48	Cocker, Benjamin F.....	England.....	1820	Detroit.....	1859	.....	Ann Arbor.
49	Cope, Robert L.....	Canada.....	1848	Wesleyan.....	1873	1875	Watrousville.
50	Copp, Richard.....	.....	.....	.....	1874	.....	Davison.
51	Crane, Rufus Cullen.....	N. Y.....	1824	Mich.....	1853	Div	Greenville.
52	Craven, Edwin.....	England.....	1848	Detroit.....	1875	.....	Troy.
53	Crippen, John Wesley.....	Michigan.....	1823	Detroit.....	1859	.....	Saginaw.
54	Curnalia, James Henry.....	N. Y.....	1836	Detroit.....	1867	.....	Millington.
55	Curtis, David A.....	N. Y.....	1830	Mich.....	1846	Div	L'Anse.
56	Davidson, James F.....	Ohio.....	1810	Ohio.....	1833	Div	Utica.
57	Davis, George R.....	.....	.....	Detroit.....	1869	.....	Pekin, China.
58	Davis, Lewis P.....	Michigan.....	1839	Detroit.....	1875	.....	Dexter.
59	Dawe, Edwin.....	.....	.....	Detroit.....	1876	.....	Parshallville.
60	Dawe, William.....	England.....	1848	Detroit.....	1876	.....	West Bay City.
61	Dean, Lyman Haines.....	N. Y.....	1829	Detroit.....	1857	.....	Howell.
62	Diverty, James Emory.....	N. J.....	1852	Detroit.....	1876	.....	Deerfield.
63	Dobbins, Jacob.....	N. Y.....	1809	Mich.....	1852	Div	Litchfield.
64	Donnelly, Wm.....	Penn.....	1808	Detroit.....	1854	.....	Alpena.
65	Donelson, Ira W.....	.....	.....	Mich.....	1855	.....	Pontiac.
66	Dunlap, James A.....	Michigan.....	1843	Detroit.....	1871	.....	Lambertville.
67	Dunning, Walter Edson.....	Michigan.....	1843	Detroit.....	1871	.....	Stoney Creek.
68	Edwards, Arthur.....	Ohio.....	1834	Detroit.....	1860	.....	Chicago.*
69	Elwood, Isaac Newton.....	N. Y.....	1843	Detroit.....	1869	.....	Port Huron.
70	Fair, Alex Scott.....	Canada.....	1840	Detroit.....	1869	.....	Commerce.
71	Field, George H.....	Canada.....	1835	Can. West.....	1864	1872	Caro.
72	Fiske, Lewis Ransom.....	N. Y.....	1825	Mich.....	1857	1866	Albion.
73	Foster, Edwin.....	N. Y.....	1840	Detroit.....	1873	.....	Bridgeport.
74	Fox, William.....	Canada.....	1829	Mich.....	1856	Div	Ruby.
75	Frazee, Elias Wetmore.....	N. Brun.....	1841	Can. West.....	1862	1868	Blissfield.
76	Frazier, Joseph.....	Ireland.....	1840	Detroit.....	1868	.....	Grass Lake.
77	Fuller, James Madison.....	Vermont.....	1807	N. Eng.....	1850	1870	Detrit.
78	Gage, Rodney.....	Mass.....	1821	N. Eng.....	1855	1856	Grand Blanc.
79	Gardner, Thomas C.....	N. Y.....	1820	Mich.....	1845	Div	Port Huron.
80	Gee, Alexander.....	Michigan.....	1828	Detroit.....	1858	.....	Flat Rock.
81	Gibbs, Calvin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1874	Bay City.
82	Giberson, Daniel W.....	Canada.....	1839	Detroit.....	1876	.....	Fowlerville.
83	Gordon, John M.....	N. Y.....	1834	Detroit.....	1865	.....	Howell.
84	Goss, Joel Byington.....	Michigan.....	1843	Detroit.....	1870	.....	Schwartz Creek.
85	Gray, John.....	Mass.....	1808	Mich.....	1841	Div	Dryden.
86	Hagadorn, Wesley.....	N. H.....	1838	Detroit.....	1863	.....	Farmington.
87	Hale, Osmer P.....	Ohio.....	1840	Un. Breth.....	1869	1873	Ingersoll.
88	Hamilton, John.....	N. Y.....	1835	Detroit.....	1871	.....	Ishpeming.
89	Hammond, Daniel W.....	Michigan.....	1838	Detroit.....	1860	.....	Marlette.
90	Hascall, Erastus R.....	Mich.....	Div	Tecumseh.
91	Hazen, Albert R.....	Ohio.....	1824	South. Ill.....	1863	1868	Dryden.

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92	Hedger, Benjamin H.....	N. J.....	1811	Mich.....	1855	Div	Pinckney.
93	Hickey, George S *.....	1878	1778	Albion.
94	Hickey, Manasseh.....	N. Y.....	1820	Mich.....	1848	Div	Detroit.
95	Hicks, Henry W.....	N. Y.....	1838	Meth. Pro.	1860	1868	Corunna.
96	Higgins, Theron Clint.....	N. Y.....	1819	Detroit.....	1858	.....	Algonac.
97	Hodge, John J.....	.....	.....	Detroit.....	1876	.....	.....
98	Hodskiss, Harvey.....	N. Y.....	1818	Wesleyan.....	1845	1868	Leroy.
99	Holt, Joseph Warren.....	Conn.....	1819	Mich.....	1848	Div	.....
100	Hood, Hiram.....	N. Y.....	1818	Genesee.....	1846	1859	Birmingham.
101	Horton, Jacob.....	Michigan.....	1840	Detroit.....	1865	.....	Morenci.
102	Houghton, Levi Liberty.....	N. Y.....	1837	Detroit.....	1869	.....	Pinckney.
103	Hoyt, Almon F.....	Vermont.....	1849	Detroit.....	1876	.....	New Boston.
104	Hudson, James L.....	Michigan.....	1844	Detroit.....	1866	.....	Chelsea,
105	Jacklin, James E.....	Michigan.....	1847	Detroit.....	1877	.....	Northville.
106	Jacokes, Daniel C.....	N. Y.....	.....	Mich.....	1842	Div	Pontiac.
107	Johnston, Isaac.....	Ireland.....	1819	Wesleyan.....	1851	1867	Atlantic.
108	Johnson, Peter O.....	N. Y.....	1817	Mich.....	1850	Div	Milwaukee.
109	Johnston J. Milton.....	N. Y.....	1844	Detroit.....	1873	.....	Houghton.
110	Joslin, John S.....	N. Y.....	1836	Detroit.....	1866	.....	Marine City.
111	Jeslin, Thomas Jeff.....	N. Y.....	1829	Mich.....	1854	Div	Flint.
112	Kellerman, Charles R.....	Prussia.....	1850	Detroit.....	1875	.....	Chesaning.
113	Kelley, John.....	Scotland.....	1819	Detroit.....	1863	.....	Romeo.
114	Kilpatrick, James H.....	N. Y.....	1844	Detroit.....	1872	.....	Brighton.
115	Kilpatrick, Jesse.....	Ohio.....	1831	Detroit.....	1859	.....	Clinton.
116	Kimmell, Samuel Bell.....	Penn.....	1826	Detroit.....	1872	.....	Fairfield.
117	Klumph, Erastus.....	N. Y.....	1815	Detroit.....	1857	.....	Elmwood, Mich.
118	Laing, Aaron R.....	Michigan.....	1838	Detroit.....	1865	.....	.....
119	Lanning, Robert C.....	N. Y.....	1819	Meth Pro.....	1844	1868	Byron.
120	Lee, Luther.....	N. Y.....	1800	Genesee.....	1829	1867	Flint.
121	Lee, Samuel P.....	N. Y.....	1823	Mich.....	1852	Div	Marlette.
122	Lowe, George W.....	Michigan.....	1836	Detroit.....	1860	.....	Calumet.
123	Lyon, George Marcius.....	N. Y.....	1829	Meth Pro.....	1868	1869	Medina.
124	Lyons, Nelson G.....	Michigan.....	1845	Detroit.....	1876	.....	Hartland.
125	Mahon William.....	Ireland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	East Saginaw.
126	Marksman, Peter.....	Minn.....	1813	Mich.....	1839	1857	Isle Royal.
127	Maywood, John.....	Canada.....	1845	Detroit.....	1870	.....	Richmond.
128	McConnell, Richard.....	Ireland.....	1820	Mich.....	1849	Div	Port Huron.
129	McIlwain, John A.....	N. Y.....	1831	Detroit.....	1865	.....	Manchester.
130	McIntosh, John H.....	Canada.....	1834	Detroit.....	1870	.....	Laingsburgh.
131	Millar, David B.....	Scotland.....	1840	Detroit.....	1873	.....	Hancock.
132	Misener, Duston Wells.....	Canada.....	1840	Can. M. E.....	1867	1874	Dundee.
133	Mitchell, Lewis.....	Ireland.....	.....	Detroit.....	1856	.....	Attica.
134	Moon, Lewis A.....	Michigan.....	1849	Detroit.....	1876	.....	Tuscola.
135	Morgan, Josiah George.....	Michigan.....	1836	Detroit.....	1867	.....	Plymouth.
136	Morton, James H.....	Scotland.....	1833	Meth. Pro.....	1862	1875	Stockbridge.
137	Mosher, Curtis.....	N. Y.....	1815	Mich.....	1850	Div	Davisburgh.
138	Nankervis, Henry.....	England.....	1844	Detroit.....	1876	.....	Port Hope.
139	Newton, Newell.....	N. Y.....	1834	Genesee.....	1856	1860	Tittabawassa.
140	Nichols, Thomas.....	Canada.....	1834	Detroit.....	1862	.....	Napoleon.
141	Ninde, William Xavier.....	N. Y.....	1832	Black Riv.....	1858	.....	Detroit.
142	Nixon, George.....	.....	.....	.....	1874	1874	Mayville.
143	Noble, James Richard.....	England.....	1824	Detroit.....	1860	.....	New Haven.
144	Northup, Henry C.....	Mass.....	1843	Detroit.....	1875	.....	Alpena.
145	Odell, Daniel J.....	Michigan.....	1836	Detroit.....	1873	.....	Dearborn.
146	Omans, Thomas G.....	Michigan.....	1832	Prot Meth.....	1860	1870	Rockland.
147	Osborne, William H.....	Canada.....	1848	Detroit.....	1875	.....	Owosso.
148	Owen, George W.....	Ohio.....	1827	Detroit.....	1860	.....	Wyandotte.
149	Palmer, Horace.....	Michigan.....	1843	Detroit.....	1872	.....	Eagle Harbor.
150	Pardington, Raynor S.....	England.....	1830	Detroit.....	1860	.....	Detroit.
151	Parker, Henry O.....	N. Y.....	1829	Detroit.....	1856	.....	Wayne.
152	Parker, Jacob E.....	Penn.....	1816	Mich.....	1845	Div	Wash'gton, D.C
153	Paull, John S.....	Wis.....	1849	Detroit.....	1875	Republic.
154	Pierce, Edwin P.....	Michigan.....	1837	Detroit.....	1875	Tipton.

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155	Pearce, Francis E.....	Ohio.....	1847	N. Indiana	1871	1872	Unionville.
156	Peirce, Nathan Wallace..	N. Y.....	1840	Detroit.....	1867	Williamston.
157	Pearce, Webster H.....	.....	.....	.....	1874	.....	Adrian.
158	Pearman, Elias Elgin.....	Indiana.....	1833	N. Indiana	1859	1870	A'tica.
159	Perrin, Donald A.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hamburg.
160	Perrin, Oliver Jacob.....	Michigan..	1838	Detroit.....	1862	.....	Monroe.
161	Pilcher, Leander W.....	Michigan..	1848	Detroit.....	1862	.....	Pekin, China.
162	Pope, Russel Bigelow.....	Ohio.....	1844	Central O..	1868	1877	Ann Arbor.
163	Potter, Thomas George...	Ireland....	1832	Detroit.....	1861	.....	Lapeer.
164	Preston, Walter H.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hope.
165	Priestly, John Stanley....	England...	1838	Detroit.....	1874	.....	Addison.
166	Prindle, Elias B.....	N. Y.....	1820	Detroit.....	1856	.....	Paoli, Kansas.
167	Pritchard, Benj. Franklin	Conn.....	1815	Mich.....	1850	Div	Dansville.
168	Pugh, John.....	England...	1801	Minnesota	1856	1860	New Haven.
169	Ramsdell, Stephen L.....	.....	.....	Detroit.....	.....	.....	Highland.
170	Reed, Seth.....	N. Y.....	1823	Mich.....	1846	Div	Saginaw City.
171	Richards, And. Jackson...	N. Y.....	1831	Detroit.....	1866	.....	Marquette.
172	Riddick, Isaac H.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Oscoda.
173	Russell, Jesse B.....	N. Y.....	1832	Detroit.....	1863	.....	East Milan.
174	Russell, John.....	N. Y.....	1822	Mich.....	1845	Div	Marquette
175	Sanborn, Orlando.....	N. Y.....	1826	Mich.....	1855	Div	Linden.
176	Scott, Marvin J.....	N. Y.....	1832	Detroit.....	1870	.....	St. Clair.
177	Seeley, Thomas.....	N. J.....	1823	Mich.....	.....	Div	Ann Arbor.
178	Shier, Dan R.....	N. J.....	1841	Detroit.....	1873	.....	Saline.
179	Shier, William Henry.....	N. Y.....	1832	Detroit.....	1863	.....	Adrian.
180	Simpson, Charles.....	N. Y.....	1832	Detroit.....	1868	.....	Davis.
181	Smart, James Shirley.....	Maine.....	1825	Mich.....	1850	Div	Bay City.
182	Smith, Henry Harrison...	Mass.....	1840	Detroit.....	1871	.....	Burton.
183	Sparling, John George.....	Ireland....	1838	Detroit.....	1871	.....	Cass City.
184	Stalker, Thomas.....	England....	1829	Detroit.....	1861	.....	Pontiac.
185	Steele, Ebenezer.....	Mass.....	1808	Mich.....	1841	Div	Ann Arbor.
186	Steers Edward.....	Canada.....	1833	Detroit.....	1871	.....	Seymour Lake.
187	Stow, George.....	Michigan..	1838	Detroit.....	1863	.....	Medina.
188	Strong, Frederick.....	N. Brun....	1832	Detroit.....	1875	.....	Bennington.
189	Sutton, Joseph Swazey....	N. J.....	1819	Mich.....	1848	Div	St. Clair.
190	Taylor, Barton S.....	N. Y.....	1820	Detroit.....	1861	.....	Mt. Clemens.
191	Taylor, George.....	England...	1810	Genesee...	1838	Div	Palmyra.
192	Taylor, Wm.....	England...	1817	Mich.....	1843	Div	Flushing.
193	Tedman, Lucius S.....	N. Y.....	1832	Detroit.....	1861	.....	Mount Morris.
194	Thompson, Henry W.....	Michigan..	1847	Detroit.....	1874	.....	Escanaba.
195	Tracy D. Burnham.....	Conn.....	1829	Mich.....	1855	Div	Detroit.
196	Triggs, Robert.....	England....	1792	Mich.....	1838	Div	Ripon, Wis.
197	Triggs, Wm. M.....	England....	1829	Detroit.....	1860	.....	.....
198	Truscott, John M.....	England....	1836	Detroit.....	1873	.....	Leesville.
199	Tuttle, William.....	N. Y.....	1829	Detroit.....	1857	.....	Troy.
200	VanEvery, John M.....	Canada.....	1850	Missouri...	1872	1872	Clayton.
201	VanNorman, Ephraim....	Canada.....	1816	Wesleyan.	1840	1867	Neosha Falls, Ka
202	Varnum, Joseph B.....	Canada.....	1830	Detroit.....	1857	.....	Iowa.
203	Venning, James.....	England....	1838	Detroit.....	1866	.....	Flint.
204	Ward, Duncan M.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1877	Flushing.
205	Wakelin, Thomas.....	England...	1807	Mich.....	1845	Div	Mt. Morris.
206	Walker, John L.....	Scotland..	1835	Detroit.....	1872	.....	Armada.
207	Warren, Frederick Wales	N. Y.....	1820	Mich.....	1846	Div	Fowlerville.
208	Warren, Squire Ethan....	Michigan..	1825	Detroit.....	1862	.....	Royal Oak.
209	Washburn, W. Wallace...	Vermont...	1837	Minnesota	1869	1870	Ypsilanti.
210	Way, Wm. Chittenden.....	N. Y.....	1824	Detroit.....	1850	.....	Holly.
211	Wesley, John.....	England....	1816	Detroit.....	1859	.....	Gaines.
212	Westlake, Eli.....	N. Y.....	1819	Mich.....	1841	Div	Fenton.
213	Whalen, James E.....	Michigan..	.....	Detroit.....	1873	.....	Negaunee.
214	White, Henry Sumner....	N. Y.....	1828	Provid'nce	1856	1865	Port Huron.
215	Whiteley, Duke.....	England....	1822	Meth. Pro	1854	1872	Sharon.
216	Whitcomb, Alorzo.....	N. Y.....	1838	Detroit.....	1870	.....	Capac.
217	Whitcomb, John Goss....	N. Y.....	1823	Detroit.....	1856	1867	Vernon.
218	Whitmore, Orrin.....	N. Y.....	1823	Mich.....	1850	Div	Oxford.
219	Wilcox, Isaac.....	Canada.....	1848	Detroit.....	1876	.....	Clifton.

Number.	NAME.	BORN.		ADMITTED TO FULL CONNECT'N.		Came to Detroit Conference,	POST OFFICE.
		Where.	When	Church or Confer'nce.	When		
220	Wilkinson, Thomas.....	England....	1838	Prim. Met.	1864	1871	Orion.
221	Wilsey, Marcenas B.....	N. Y.....	1817	Wesleyan..	1845	1867	Milford.
221	Wilson, Andrew W.....	Europe....	1841	Genesee....	1868	1870	Flat Rock.
222	Wilson, George.....	England....	1838	Detroit.....	1864	.....	Commerce.
223	Withey, James E.....	Michigan..	1844	Detroit.....	1868	.....	Howell.
224	Wood, Alva B.....	Michigan..	1843	Detroit.....	1871	.....	Ridgeway.
225	Woodhams, Roland.....	England....	1846	Detroit.....	1874	.....	Vassar.
226	Wortley, Jacob C.....	England....	1830	Detroit.....	1863	.....	Hudson.
227	Wright, Philip J.....	Canada....	1839	Detroit.....	1871	.....	Reese.
228	York, Frederick E.	Canada....	1844	Detroit.....	1868	.....	Clarkston.
229	York, Lodowic C.....	N. Y.....	1817	Detroit.....	1858	.....	Denton.

Two hundred and thirty-two members in Register of 1877. For causes of decrease, see Disciplinary questions.

PROBATIONERS OF SECOND YEAR.

WM. M. ALLMAN, Alpena.	DAVID MCFAWN, Port Sanilac.
ALFONZO CRANE, Pinconing:	JOHN SWEET, Lake Linden.
WILLIAM GEORGE, Memphis.	OSCAR W. WILLITS, Addison.
JAMES C. HIGGINS, Detroit.	H. W. WRIGHT, Hadley.
DAVID MCFAWN, Port Sanilac.	

PROBATIONERS OF FIRST YEAR.

PAUL DESJARDINES, Marlette.	ALEXANDER J. HOLMES, Tyre.
CHARLES H. TALMADGE, Midland.	

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.					BAPTISMS.	CHURCH PROPERTY			SABBATH SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										COLLECTIONS, ETC.							SUNDAY SCHOOLS.																
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East Saginaw—Jefferson St.	11	200		3	10	5	1	\$40,000	1	\$1,200	\$10 00	\$10 00		\$10 00									\$50	\$16,000	\$1,200	\$1,200	1	42	293		100	100	300	40		10	500	\$350		20				
Hess St.	34	134	1		12	31	1	2,500	1	1,200	4 00	32 50	\$7 50	40 00		\$5 00	\$1 00	\$2 00	\$2 00			\$4 25	249	954	954	1	30	238	43	114	81	124	28	46	26	350	157	125	19					
Saginaw City—Washington Avenue.	27	157	1	2	5	15	1	10,000			12 37	57 00		57 00		3 50	7 00			5 60		8 23		1,408	1,408	1	20	125	50	50	25	100	20	16	13	200	25		17	\$13 75				
Ames Chapel	3	22			3	3	3					3 00		3 00								1 00		1,200	605	3	28	240	85	40	115	150	8		150	84		13						
Bay City—Washington St.	8	260	2	1	14	24	1	10,000	1	2,000	18 00	40 00	35 00	75 00	\$41 50	5 00	1 00	1 00			\$45 00	7 00		1,700	1,700	1	28	230	110	120	45	22	25	50		350	250	150	25					
Fremont Avenue	23	127	1	3	10	15	1	4,000	1	1,500	10 00	26 00		26 00					12 25			5 37	100	800	1,000	1,000	1	29	150		35	140	20	10	4	300	150							
Woodside Avenue	13	44	1		13	5	1	1,500			5 00	15 00		15 00		3 00	1 00	1 00				1 87	400	400	820	820	2	14	107	30	47	30	64	12	16	83	53		25					
West Bay City	13	117			4	8	3	12,000			5 00	20 00		20 00					6 00			2 00		500	900	900	3	30	225	50	100	75	190	20	50	20		175						
Saginaw Indian Mission*																																												
Pinconning and Standish	8	22	1	11					1	150				3 00								1 00			200	200	4	20	140	40	70	30	140	12		12	200		10					
Rifle River	2	18			3				1	400				3 00								1 00			400	400	5	25	150	50	100			15		300	80		12					
Tawas City	1	25		1	7	6	1	3,000				4 60	2 40	7 00								2 00	10	700	577	577	3	20	75	20	45	10	90	10	4	5	100	15		30	11			
East Tawas	14	47	2	2	14	10	1	3,500	1	1,000	400	20 00		20 00	2 00	11 00			9 00			3 00	125	2,085	1,036	1,036	1	16	141	20	91	30	140	14	12	12	350	161		60	5			
Oscoda	22	121	1		18	17	1	10,000			23 00	37 84	6 16	44 00					9 00			4 00			1,146	1,046	1	20	140					117										
Harrisville	48	109	1		26	5	1	2,000	1	1,400	10 00	25 00	5 00	30 00	1 50	5 00	2 00	2 00	9 00	15 00	2 00	4 00	119	24	1,042	1,042	4	33	187	70	65	45	130	25	18	8	238	180		60	18			
Alpena	20	143			12	4	1	4,500	1	2,000	14 00	57 00		57 00		6 00	2 00	2 00	6 00		4 80	6 00	47	200	1,306	1,181	1	22	138	44	56	38	08	19	26	5	80	90		60	18			
Caseville	4	31			1	1	1	5,000		500	3 00	26 00	2 52	28 52					1 25		1 00	2 75		300	734	624	1	15	167	47	64	56	83	8	7	3		41		50	8			
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Alpena Mission																																												
Tribbawsee	23	67			6	2	2	50,000			1 00	6 00	2 00	8 00		1 00			1 00			2 50		1,000	700	501	5	37	140	54	69	17	115	26	4	4	150	32		25	10			
Ingersoll	5	38							1	400	1 00	4 00	54	4 54		3 00	45	54	2 00			2 00			500	500	1	14	40	25	10	5	26	12	14		9							
Midland	45				9		1	5,000	1	800		4 00	4 00	4 00								4 00	20	2,000	525	425	1	13	80	20	60	12	60	8	12		30		40	10				
Hope	11	49			2			250		200	2 00	13 00	3 10	3 10							1 79	2 20			468	241	4	24	200	100			120	20	58		15			1				
St. Charles	5	34	1		1	1	1	3,000	1	1,000	2 00	3 00	9 00	12 00		1 00			1 00			2 00	50		730	520	1	13	75	5	45	25	65	6	1		230	48		6				
Cheaning	8	99	1		3	1	1	3,000	1	800	1 00	5 00		5 00	34 00	1 00		1 00	1 00			3 00	550	400	800	710	1	10	103	27	48	28	100	15	15	8	3	0	20		7			
West Haven	15	118			2	2				8 00		20 00		20 00		2 00	1 00	1 00	4 00			3 00			5 00	500	4	26	164	71	69	24	125	27	34		5 0	33		40	9			
Owosso	11	72	1		15	1	1	4,000				15 00		15 00	8 00				2 00			2 40	100	230	560	480	1	10	148	28	91	27	102	18	24	31	175	50		65	11			
Corunna	2	80	1		1		1	3,000	1	1,000	3 00	28 00		28 00								3 00	35	192	707	690	1	16	100	15	70	15	80	15		200	39		2	12				
Munster	10	79			1					7 45	30 50		30 50		3 25				4 00			2 00			530	449	3	15	75				80			200	20		6					
Bennington	20	126	1		9	2	2	5,000	1	500	5 00	25 00		25 00	1 00	2 25	1 00	1 00	7 00	1 00	1 50	5 00	500	325	742	742	1	7	45	15	20	10	30	5			10		7					
Laingsburg	7	58			1		2	2,500			3 25	5 15		5 15								1 00	20	180	650	708	2	20	145	70	75	25	105	20										

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	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.		Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Conference Claimants.	FOR MISSIONS.			Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Sunday School Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.	American Bible Society.	Children's Fund.	Support of Bishops.	Building and Im- proving Churches and Parsonages.	Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages.	Claims for Minis- terial Support.	Receipts for Minis- terial Support.	No. of Sunday- Schools.	Officers and Teach- ers.	Scholars of all Ages.	Scholars Fifteen Years old and over.	Scholars under 15, except Infant Class.	Scholars in Infant Class.	Average Attend- ance of Teachers and Scholars.	Officers and Teach- ers who are Church Members or Prob- ationers.	Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	Conversions.		Library Books.	Total Expenses of Schools this Year.	Sunday-School Classmates taken.	Sunday School Ad- vocates taken.	Sunday-School Journals taken.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																
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Detroit District.....	514	5,618	36	66	145	230	53	\$400,500	24	\$35,450	302	68	2,017	46	\$251	14	3,182	63	\$571	46	\$278	30	\$61	14	\$75	15	\$242	14	\$19	70	\$70	48	\$173	78	\$7,237	\$41,172	\$37,192	\$32,064	79	1,077	8,473	2,584	2,621	4,041	5,335	837	1,102	224	8,767	\$3,595	246	937	557																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
Adrian District.....	320	5,359	24	71	28	184	51	305,725	21	40,300	219	30	1,292	59	323	96	1,708	95	458	12	181	80	15	50	20	87	184	54	19	17	3	75	195	26	1,813	24,432	29,479	27,857	64	864	6,557	2,115	1,761	1,030	4,277	635	785	115	5,967	1,647	701	446																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
Flint District.....	483	5,613	30	55	54	315	53	199,600	23	27,800	275	92	1,321	91	118	74	1,596	33	330	95	129	58	29	82	40	45	177	87	20	12	87	62	156	60	8,576	2,667	29,419	28,604	82	919	6,200	1,644	1,615	936	4,155	600	799	197	7,559	2,108	533	833	353	\$10 00																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
Port Huron District.....	530	3,857	37	71	154	248	42	187,400	28	24,640	148	20	548	43	162	20	709	63	50	35	47	54	15	14	13	32	38	15	24	23	15	40	94	18	7,657	24,346	24,742	22,638	88	814	4,770	1,422	1,465	764	3,292	561	704	255	6,193	1,179	398	247	3 19																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
Saginaw District.....	478	3,534	22	39	179	238	39 1/2	171,300	21	18,050	177	82	721	63	90	80	812	41	94	25	78	50	19	95	13	94	107	25	22	75	32	18	109	87	3,859	27,247	29,512	26,708	77	849	5,494	1,388	2,082	1,087	3,030	624	630	244	6,631	2,553	275	589	310	13 75																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
Lake Superior District.....	233	1,594	33	11	471	17	22	76,000	10	12,700	76	00	494	13	62	37	556	50	72	50	38	50	17	50	15	50	50	00	13	50	6	50	7 50	43	00	3,020	5,215	14,879	14,415	33	414	3,375	589	759	848	2,652	207	270	77	3,033	1,389	220	727	283	79 50																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
Grand Total.....	2658	25,575	182	313	1031	1232	260 1/2	\$1,340,525	137	\$158,990	1,199	92	6,405	15	1,109	21	8,566	45	1,577	63	\$754	22	\$159	05	\$179	23	\$799	95	\$119	47	\$215	93	7 50	\$772	69	\$32,162	\$125,079	\$165,225	\$152,296	412	4,337	34,869	9,742	10,303	8,706	22,763	3,464	4,290	1112	38,150	\$12,471	1,274	4,185	2,196	\$106 34																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
Last Year.....	3136	25,037	201	268	1033	1756	255 1/2	1,307,725	133	167,830	1,064	54	5,842	17	1,203	84	7,046	01	1,647	65	543	84	145	52	131	44	488	79	83	80	103	05	968	58	31,322	135,724	167,931	156,114	428	4,722	34,336	8,370	9,675	5,917	23,297	3,604	4,582	1708	39,311	11,807	155	5,116	2,311																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
Increase.....	822	438	5	32,800	4	\$135	38	560	98	1,520	44	210	38	13	53	\$47	79	\$311	16	35	67	\$112	88	\$840	215	533	1,372	628	2,789	534	140	292	596	1,161	664	1,119	931	115																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Decrease.....	19	5	2	524	8,840	94	63	70	02